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## New wave of rioting in Pakistan

Anti-martial-law protesters tore up 500 yards of railway lines in Pakistan's Sind province as part of the civil disobedience campaign launched on Sunday. According to opposition sources, police shot dead five rioters and wounded 20 more in fresh fighting in the province.

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### Kidnap hunt

Police officers in co Donegal were hunting a kidnap gang as fears grew for the safety of an informer's wife being held by the Irish National Liberation Army

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### Rebel realism

Leaders of US-backed insurgents in Nicaragua admit they cannot win a military victory. In Costa Rica, Nicaraguan guerrillas are causing serious problems for local people

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### US recovery

The American economy is recovering faster than expected, according to figures which show that between April and June gross national product expanded at a rate of 9.2 per cent

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### Tripoli blast

Thirty people were injured when a car bomb exploded near a hospital in Tripoli, Lebanon, the second blast there in less than a month. In Sidon, 22 bodies were found in a former PLO prison

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### Looters held

About 120 people were arrested for looting in Houston and Galveston after Hurricane Alicia struck southern Texas. Damage from the hurricane is estimated at £600m in the Houston area

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### Chess champion

Jonathan Mestel, the Cambridge University player, won the Grievous Grant British chess championships at Southport, repeating his triumph of 1976. Earlier, report, page 2

### Boycott rebuked

Graefey Boycott has been reprimanded by Yorkshire for slow scoring against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham last Saturday. He batted for six-and-a-half hours for 140 not out

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## Kinnock likely to block Benn's return to power

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Attempts by the far left to restore Mr Wedgwood Benn to his power base inside the Labour Party are expected to be frustrated by Mr Neil Kinnock after his likely election as leader in October.

The national executive committee (NEC) elections, at the party conference are almost certain to result in gains for the outside or "serious" left, but not enough to give them overall control. Instead the advances made by the right at last year's conference are expected to be reversed and the ascendancy taken by a coalition of the centre-right and soft left, which will uphold Mr Kinnock's personal position.

Far left sources, however, have made clear that they will try to get Mr Benn reelected to his former post as chairman of the party's home policy committee, which played an important role in the policy decisions which led to the eventual adoption of the most left-wing election manifesto in the party's history.

The position will be vacant as a result of the Post Office Engineering Union's decision not to renominate Mr John Golding, the present home policy chairman and effective leader of the moderates, for the NEC.

Mr Benn would be assured of the post if he had the support of the soft left, led by Mr Kinnock, but MPs close to the leadership front-runner believe it highly unlikely that he would back Mr Benn. The two are not close.

A left-wing source said yesterday that "it depends how the left's main hopes for points are

pinned on Mr Eric Clarke, of the National Union of Mineworkers; Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP, of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, and Mr Charles Kelly (Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians).

After the conference, interest will switch to the home policy and organization committee chairmanship. Mr Hoyle is seen by the left as a possible candidate who might be more acceptable to Mr Kinnock than Mr Benn for the former post.

It is thought that Mr Kinnock would be happy to see Mr Sam McCluskie, chairman of the organization committee, which has the sensitive task of taking any future action against the Militant Tendency. Mr Russell tuck, the present organization chairman, is retiring.

Speculation about the timing of Mr Benn's possible return to Parliament, after his general election defeat, increased yesterday after Mr Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham, North-West, confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Benn shortly after the election about the possibility of standing down from his seat in his favour. Mr Banks made clear that Mr Benn had turned the idea down flat.

Left-wing supporters of Mr Benn made clear yesterday that although he was grateful for the offer he could never have countenanced it because he would not have wanted to create an artificial by-election. They consider that Mr Benn's return at a by-election is "only a matter of time" and that he has no need to rush.

The left expects at least one gain in the NEC women's section, with the anticipated return of Miss Joan Maynard, and possibly two, if Mrs Margaret Beckett is successful.

In the trade union section the

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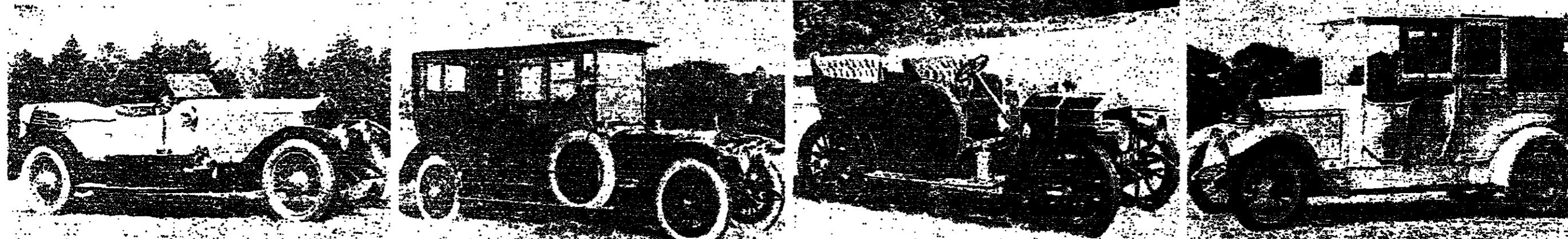
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# A rare chance to buy a 1905 Rolls-Royce for £100,000



The finest collection of Rolls-Royce ever to be offered for sale will be auctioned in October through Christie's, South Kensington, in association with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu (Christopher Warman writes). Three of the cars are expected to fetch at least £100,000.

The collection belongs to Mr Stanley Sears, who lives in Portugal. He began collecting cars, especially Rolls-Royces, in the 1930s, long before most collections were formed.

His cars are likely to set price records for Rolls-Royces and the sale will probably reach up to

£500,000; however, because the seven vehicles are rare and in such perfect condition, Christie's is reluctant to give details.

The star of the collection, which is to be sold at the Earls Court Motorfair on October 22, is a 1914 Silver Ghost Alpine Eagle tourer by Porthole (extreme left).

It is in pristine condition, although its engine has done more than 300,000 miles.

The car was returned by its owner to Rolls-Royce in the 1930s, but when war broke its body was replaced with that of a lorry to transport Spitfire en-

gines. After the war its original body was restored and it was acquired by Mr Sears in 1951. It should fetch more than £100,000.

Mr Sears was fired with enthusiasm for collecting after watching the London to Brighton run, although these cars, which include a 1905 model, were too

young to qualify.

The oldest car is a rare 1905 Light Twenty TT Replica Tonneau (second from left), capable of 65-70 mph, which could also command a price in six figures.

The third car which could fetch £100,000 is a 1912 Silver Ghost limousine by the royal

coachbuilders Hooper (first from left), which was purchased for the collection in 1945.

Less valuable financially, but fascinating historically, is the 1923 20-horsepower laundrette (right), the body built in 1910 by Hamshaw, of Leicester, for Lord Lonsdale.

## Consul says Irish visit did not represent the US Government

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The newly appointed United States consul in Belfast warned people yesterday against believing that the recent Congressmen and Irish National Caucus delegation which visited the province represented the United States Government.

He said that Congressmen Richard Oettinger and Robert Borski were two out of 435 members of Congress and the Irish National Caucus campaign to stop Short Brothers being awarded a £20m US Air Force contract would not have a "big influence".

Mr Sam Bartlett, who has been in the province for two weeks, said Official Unionist

Party allegations that Shorts had already lost the contract were probably untrue because the bids were just coming in.

"Once the bids are in decision-making starts and this will go on until some time near the end of the year."

Mr Bartlett said Congressmen Mario Biaggi's ad hoc committee on Irish affairs was an informal grouping and that the Friends of Ireland Group, which included Senator Edward Kennedy and Speaker Tip O'Neill, paralleled the US Government's attitude toward Northern Ireland more frequently than the views of the other committee.

He said President Reagan had explained the US government's position in a statement.

### Discrimination in workforces alleged

## Industry symbolizes rift

For Northern Ireland's Roman Catholics, the engineering industry in Belfast is seen as a symbol of discrimination with the workforce undoubtedly dominated by Protestants (Richard Ford writes).

Harland and Wolff and Short Brothers are the names mentioned most in the list of Roman Catholic grievances. Both are situated in the mainly Protestant east Belfast.

Today the shipyard struggles to survive and its decline is seen as symbolic of the crumbling of a Protestant/Unionist ascendancy, while Shorts, which is 100 per cent Government-owned, is the largest employer in the province.

Its fight to win a multi-million pound order from the United States Air Force has involved Shorts in an unwelcome publicity, with the Irish National Congress making allegations of anti-Roman Catholic employment practices.

In 1977 the province's Fair Employment Agency (FEA) began an investigation into Belfast's engineering industry, discovering that a marked imbalance of religious representation in the traditionally highly-paid and high-status jobs had changed little in the previous six years.

Its investigation found that among skilled workers only between 4.5 and 8 per cent were Roman Catholics. This figure was apparently higher in unskilled and clerical areas, but the agency still believed that under 10 per cent of the total workforce were Roman Catholics.

### Talks fail to end Nigg yard dispute

By a Staff Reporter

Management and union leaders from Highland Fabricator's oil platform yard at Nigg held separate meetings throughout yesterday without coming any nearer to resolving a dispute which led to the dismissal of the yard's 2000 hourly-paid workers on Thursday.

Management have ruled out the possibility of meeting shop stewards but say they are prepared to talk with officials of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers who travelled up to Nigg, 50 miles north of Inverness, yesterday.

A spokesman said the company will begin recruiting a new workforce next week. It is believed at least 500 of the dismissed workers will not be re-hired. Management say the firm is fighting for its life.

### Protest at 'tax for weapons'

Canon Paul Oestreicher, aged 51, a vice-president of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, appeared at Lambeth County Court yesterday after refusing to pay £30 of his income tax which, he says, would go towards nuclear weapons.

He was granted leave to appeal by Judge Magnus, and the case will be heard at a date to be fixed. After the brief hearing Canon Oestreicher said: "I am very, very pleased. I believe it is the first time an appeal has been heard in a case of this kind."

He said he had worked out the amount based on the level of national spending which goes on defence and the proportion of that which is dedicated to nuclear weapons.

Canon Oestreicher, one of four vice-presidents of CND,



Canon Oestreicher:  
Granted an appeal.

was ordered last month to pay the tax demand or face having the money taken forcibly from his bank account.

The judge ruled that Canon Oestreicher, international secretary of the British Council of Churches and an honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral, had sufficient grounds for an appeal against paying the demand.

## CND to review its specialist groups

By Nicholas Timmins

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is reviewing all its specialist sections, their organization, and their policy-making powers after their rapid growth in recent years and attempts by some sections to take policy beyond the area of nuclear disarmament.

The review was under way well before the present dispute over the activities of Youth CND, technically a youth wing of CND rather than a specialist section.

The national committee of youth CND has been suspended and all decisions taken at its annual conference last month were declared void after irregularities were discovered: membership cards inadequately checked, ages not checked and a resolution was passed supporting a demonstration next month against the Chilean regime, which is outside CND's policy.

Only 29 of the 200 or so CND groups attended the conference; one group, Oxford, held almost a fifth of the votes among the 200 people who attended, out of a total membership of 8,000.

In the weeks before the conference the Oxford group registered 130 new members. It has some Socialist League members and has held committee meetings at 26 Ballington Road, the address at the centre of the BL "mole" dispute.

The action over Youth CND comes after a decision in June

to put four national council members on the executive of Labour CND with power to veto any decision out of line with CND's policy after irregularities at Labour CND's annual conference earlier this year.

According to CND sources, about 400 people attended the conference compared with 60 last year, membership was not checked and some Socialist League members were elected to its executive.

Internal arguments about policy within the executive followed. Matters came to a head over attempts within the executive to donate money to Socialist Action, the newspaper of the Socialist League, and over a model resolution to be sent to constituency Labour parties for the year's Labour Party conference calling on a Labour government to scrap all nuclear weapons immediately on taking office.

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Mr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, said yesterday that the decisions over Labour CND and youth YCND were not a witch-hunt but an attempt to ensure that the sections were representative of their membership.

## Surgeon returns part of pay rise

A consultant neurosurgeon is to return part of this year's 10 per cent pay award to National Health Service doctors. Mr Sam Galbraith, who works at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, says that his present salary of £25,000 is too much.

So Mr Galbraith and several other doctors have decided to pay part of their salary increase by deed of covenant to the health service.

In an article for the journal *World Medicine*, published today, he writes: "It is a mark of

civilized society that the stronger and better off protect the weak."

Mr Galbraith says that many consultants top up their health service pay with private practice, between £30,000 and £40,000 a year.

"The health service salary is very generous, and I wonder if it is justified, particularly when others with whom I work and on whom I am totally dependent, theatre technicians for example, take home around £60 a week."

Mr Galbraith says that doctors, nurses and other health workers need a feeling of solidarity to fight the "feeling of despair and hopelessness creeping into the service".

"Why cannot nurses have a 50 per cent increase to catch up for the past 50 years? After all, it is only 1 per cent a year."

Anticipating his colleagues' objection that they could not afford it, he adds: "Try telling your ward sister that it is difficult to live on £30,000 a year."

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## Review of legal aid principles

By a Staff Reporter

A police hunt was still under way in co Donegal last night for several members of a kidnap gang as fears grew for the safety of an informer's wife being held by the Irish National Liberation Army. (Richard Ford writes from Belfast.)

Two men detained by the police after the rescue on Thursday of the stepfather and half-sister of the INLA informer Henry Kirkpatrick, aged 25, are being questioned by detectives at Letterkenny. Both men had addresses in co Donegal; one is Sean O'Hara, whose brother, Patsy, died on hunger strike in the Maze prison in 1981.

Four other men from Londonderry, who were held on the Fanad peninsula on Thursday night, were expected to be released by the police after fingerprinting and questioning.

Their relatives alleged that the men, from the Shantallow area of Londonderry, had been in the republic on a regular weekly fishing trip, that their car was packed with fishing tackle and lunch boxes.

The INLA now know that Mrs Kirkpatrick's capture has not caused her husband to withdraw his evidence. Mr Kirkpatrick wrote to his mother and wife from his cell in the annex of Crumlin Road jail some time ago saying he wanted nothing more to do with them.

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In civil cases the non-financial criteria include a decision by the Law Society on whether there are reasonable grounds for proceeding with the case. In the criminal area the test laid out in the Widgery report include the consequences for someone if convicted and whether a substantial point of law is at issue.

The Legal Action Group, a pressure group of lawyers said last night that it suspected the reference was an attempt to produce cuts in legal aid.

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## Letter bomb is sent to doomed colliery

The manager of the doomed Cardowan colliery near Glasgow received a letter bomb yesterday. The device failed to explode, the coal board said.

Earlier yesterday, the Glasgow office of the Press Association received a letter from the Scottish National Liberation Army. It said: "SNLA attacks on 19/20. No more cuts."

The coal board wants to close the pit because it is making heavy losses. Cardowan employed 1,090 miners, but 300 have already left voluntarily and about seventy have been transferred to other pits. Work at two Scottish collieries was halted for several days last month because miners object to the transfers.

Lord Hailsham, of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has asked the Legal Aid Advisory Committee to review eligibility limits for civil and criminal aid and the non-financial criteria for the grant of legal aid.

Lord Hailsham said: "I am inviting the advisory committee to undertake a fresh look at the basic principles of legal aid."

The last full review of criminal legal aid was that of the Widgery report of 1966: the main source document for civil legal aid is still the Ruschcliffe report of 1983-84.

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Lord Hailsham said recently that the legal aid service is "cascading out of control". Costs have more than doubled in the past five years, with the Lord Chancellor's department estimating that £300m will be spent in 1983-84.

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## Kidney disease case in London as search for cause continues

By Arthur Oomen

The kidney disease that has caused three deaths in the past month, and affected 28 children in three areas has also affected a child in north London. It was said yesterday.

Dr Paul Gully, a Birmingham consultant in community medicine, visited the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre at Colindale, north London, where the search for the source of the disease haemolytic uraemic syndrome, is being coordinated.

Dr Gully is leading the search in the west Midlands, where a woman aged 59, and a girl aged two, have died and 18 children have been infected. Five are still in hospital, and the condition of two was said yesterday to be still causing concern.

He is also in touch with doctors in Sheffield, where there have been six cases, and Manchester, where there have been four, all children. In an apparently isolated case, a Nottingham girl aged nine died on August 12.

Dr Gully said the London case appeared recently, but the child was now well. He declined to pinpoint the area where it happened or the age and sex of the child. He said: "I was told about it in confidence for my own information. But it was not part of a cluster. We expect such sporadic cases at this time of the year."

He denied a report that he had suggested ice cream or iced lollies were the possible source. All children ate them particularly in a hot summer. He said parents of the sick children had been asked about a wide range of food and drinks. "We have some ideas we are following up, but there is nothing definite."

## British TV boost for Australia

By David Hewson

More Commonwealth television is to be seen in Britain from next October as a result of an agreement to raise the independent television companies' quota for overseas materials.

It will provide an outlet mainly for Australian stations, but there will also be some programmes from Canada.

Independent companies are at present limited by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to showing a maximum of 14 per cent of overseas material. That figure is to be raised to 15.5 per cent - provided that the extra material comes from the Commonwealth.

One ITV executive said last night: "Australian television and films have improved tremendously in quality in recent years."

The level of American and other foreign material will stay at 14 per cent, though several categories are exempt, including classic films made before 1945.

Many television executives feel that the Commonwealth countries could have made greater inroads into British television in recent years if Britain's entry into the EEC had not brought about a rewriting of the quota rules.

The IBA has interpreted EEC regulations as dictating that programmes and films made within the Community should count as a British product, although few are even dubbed in English.

New Dr Who: Colin Baker, who succeeds Peter Davison in the BBC television series, posing yesterday with Nicola Bryant, the doctor's latest assistant ("Peri"). Baker, who is aged 40, played a villain in the long running BBC television series *The Brothers*. A former husband of Liza Goddard, he is now married to Marion Wyatt, who is also an actress (Photograph: David Cairns).

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Clowns at prayer: A quiet moment before the frolics. (Photograph: John Voss)

## Clown priests tumble in and take a pew

They were laughing, dancing and rolling in the aisles of St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, yesterday as Britain's first Christian clowning course got under way (Amanda Haigh writes).

When cases are clustered together in this way doctors naturally suspect that there might be an infecting agent; in this instance it is thought possible to be a virus. Infection may be only one of several factors; diet deficiency and genetic make-up have both been suggested as others.

Government scientists at Colindale are exploring the theory that the syndrome might be caused by the production of a toxin by one of the organisms which normally give rise to gastro-enteritis. Outbreaks are more common in other parts of the world, particularly South and Central America. Affected children first appear to be suffering from gastro-enteritis, but rapidly lapse into kidney failure. The failure produces anaemia, vomiting, headache, itching, and if untreated, then proceeds to sleepiness, confusion, and death.

The three-day course ends

with a eucharist at the church tomorrow, at which clowns, dancers, and puppeteers will perform the lessons and the prayers. The course was organized by British Christians keen to copy the success in the United States of about 3,000 clown ministry groups led by the clergy. They take their jokes and their message to hospital patients, prisoners, drug addicts and prostitutes.

Mrs Carol Crowther, aged

35, a professional clown from Wimbledes who is leading the course said: "It would be nice if we could persuade people in this country to become clown priests".

The Rev Roly Bain, aged 29, who is on the staff of Southwark Cathedral was taking part in the falling class and still wearing his clerical collar. He said: "Part of what I hope all this will do is to

encourage the Church to make a fool of itself."

Patrick Forbes, joint organizer of the course who is St Albans diocesan communications officer, said: "Humour has got a lot to offer. The Church is far too solemn."

His son Stephen, aged 15, thought the course was great fun, said he was not afraid of making a fool of himself. "I do that anyway."

Mr Michael Sutton, the coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

## Father dug tunnel of death

A beach game designed to amuse children ended in death when Mr Graham Pepper, aged 28, father of two of the children suffocated as the tunnel he was digging collapsed on top of him.

An inquest at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, yesterday was told how other holidaymakers dug with their hands and rescue services fought against the sand in a vain effort to rescue Mr Pepper, a fisherman, of Butfield Road, Hesle, Hull, from the grave he had dug for himself.

"He was under 10 tons of sand and must have suffocated almost at once," the station officer, Mr Terry Blych, who led the firemen struggling to reach him.

Mr Michael Sutton, the coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

## Inquests open on 3 crash victims

The inquests on three of the four people who died in the M4 coach crash on Wednesday were opened at Swindon police station, Wiltshire, yesterday when the coroner, Mr John Elgar, heard evidence of identification.

Mr Eirlys Phillips, aged 52, of Swansea, died from brain confusion and haemorrhage. Mr Patrick Barber, aged 35, from Paris, died from multiple injuries, and Mr Michael Stephenson, aged 19, of Swansea, from severe head injuries. The inquests were adjourned until October 23.

## Warning over hypnotist tapes

Cassette tapes for do-it-yourself hypnotists could lead to death on the roads, Mr Derek Fairey, of the Institute of Curative Hypnotherapists, said yesterday.

The tapes include the popular tune, "A Whiter Shade of Pale" which, if heard on the car radio, might send the driver into a trance with fatal consequences, he said.

## Youngest girl to swim channel



Samantha Drace, aged 12 (above) who yesterday became the youngest girl to swim the English Channel.

She took the title from Alison Wetherby, of Howarth Road, Abbey Wood, south-east London, who had held it for about four hours after completing her swim from France to Dover on Thursday.

## Driver named

The car driver killed by a train at a level crossing on Thursday while he was being pursued by the police was named yesterday as Mark Vase, aged 19, unemployed of Franklin Court, Park Barn, Guilford, Surrey.

## Woman in affair with boy keeps job

A social worker who had an affair with a boy aged 15 at an assessment centre for problem children is to stay in council employment.

The woman, aged 23, carried on the affair for almost a year after being told to end it. She was promoted after she promised never to see the boy again.

Now Liverpool Labour councillors have decided she should not lose her job with the City Council, but be transferred to a job away from child care. The boy is still in council care.

The unnamed woman, who was 21 when the affair started, was a houseparent at New

Cheetham, that she be dismissed, a disciplinary sub-committee voted after a seven-hour hearing that she keep a council job.

Mr Paul Clarke, Liberal spokesman on the social services committee, said: "Labour have refused to put forward for dismissal anyone over the past two years."

The deputy Labour leader, Mr Derek Hatton, said: "The person had never before been found to be wanting in terms of efficiency and we felt that the main requirement was her removal from work with children."

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## US-backed insurgents admit they cannot win war in Nicaragua

Tegucigalpa, Honduras (Reuters) - Five months after they predicted imminent victory, the leaders of US-backed insurgents fighting Nicaragua's left-wing government admit they have started a war they cannot hope to win.

"There can be no purely military victory", Señor Edgar Chamorro, a key figure in the seven-member Directorate of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) said. "There should be negotiations".

Last March, Señor Chamorro described FDN guerrillas fighting inside Nicaragua as "the vanguard of the general insurrection". One of his directorate colleagues confidently proclaimed: "We shall be rejoicing in liberated territory within 60 days".

At that time, an FDN force estimated at about 2,000 was fighting in north-western and central Nicaragua after slipping across the border from Honduras. But they failed to start an uprising and were driven back to the mountains along the frontier.

Now FDN leaders say they need more money, more arms and many more men to convince the Nicaraguan Government it must negotiate with the right-wing insurgents - an objective that falls far short of the FDN's original declared aim.

"We have 10,000 men now," Señor Chamorro said in

interviews with Reuters. "But we want to build up our forces to 25,000." This would match the strength of Nicaragua's regular army.

With the help of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the FDN bluffed from a motley group of 500 to its present size in less than two years.

US assistance to the FDN, by far the largest of several exile groups opposed to Nicaragua's ruling Sandinist National Liberation Front, led to an angry debate in the United States.

FDN chiefs say they want to immerse their fighting strength to wear down the Sandinistas and force them to discuss demands for democratic reforms, an end to ties with the Soviet Union and Cuba, and a pledge to stop exhorting Marxist revolution.

The insurgents apparently feel a massive show of military muscle by the United States might make the Managua leadership more amenable to talks. "The only language the Sandinistas understand is the language of force," Señor Chamorro commented. "They must be addressed in that language."

● MANAGUA: Señor Humberto Ortega, the Nicaraguan Defence Minister, said that three guerrillas fighting the Sandinista Government were waging their biggest offensive of the

In the north-eastern province of Morazan, troops leaving the town of Cacaopera told a reporter that about 700 soldiers from two counter-insurgency battalions had recovered the town from guerrillas. They said five guerrillas were killed and three captured while two soldiers were wounded in the combat, 110 miles north-east of San Salvador.

● SAN SALVADOR: Air Force aircraft and helicopters bombed and strafed guerrilla strongholds on two volcanoes near San Salvador on Thursday while hundreds of government soldiers tracked the rebels on the mountain slopes (AP reports).

Relations with Washington at new low

## France plays the naughty boy over Chad

From Nicholas Ashford  
Washington

"As usual the French want to have it all their way," remarked a disgruntled US official, looking up from a map showing the latest situation in the civil war in Chad. "They don't want to see Libya taking over the place, but are not prepared to do much to prevent this happening, and they become exceedingly resentful when this is pointed out."

The crisis in Chad has brought US-French relations to a low level. When President Reagan and President Mitterrand held their first meeting in Washington two years ago it appeared that an unlikely affinity had developed between the West's most influential conservative and socialist leaders.

However the honeymoon did not last long, and has subsequently been strained by the dispute over the Soviet gas pipeline, differences in approach towards the Communist block, disagreements over how to handle the crisis in Central America and French anger over the impact which the strong dollar and high interest rates are having on the French economy.

Paradoxically, despite these irritants, France remains one of

the US's closest supporters on defence issues and the need to deploy new medium-range missiles in Europe.

Seen from Washington, France is again playing its traditional role of the naughty

### Ndjamena invaded by the media

The war has attracted the largest foreign press corps yet seen in Ndjamena, the Government said. A total of 129 representatives from a dozen countries were accredited by Thursday and more are expected. They have filled Ndjamena's only two modern hotels, sometimes sleeping three or four to a room. Reporters who have been unable to get a car or taxi have rented scooters, a dangerous and inconvenient vehicle in an African rainstorm. Furthermore, when it rains, telephone lines at both hotels go dead. "The cables get wet", a receptionist said.

France views it essentially as a regional dispute between two nationalist leaders. It wants to isolate it from superpower conflict and also keep open its expanding commercial relations with Libya.

President Mitterrand's Government, which has tried to wind down France's traditional role of policing its former African colonies favours negotiating with Libya as the best way of stopping the fighting. The Americans, however, with strong Egyptian and Sudanese backing, want Colonel Gaddafi to Sudan to monitor Libyan "aggression" in northern Chad.

The Americans have responded strongly, insisting that no pressure has been used on France and that consultations were regularly being held "at the highest levels". Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, made it clear that the Aavcs had been dispatched at France's request.

The Americans now seem anxious to calm the stormy waters between Washington and Paris. Officials have expressed regret over any misunderstandings that has arisen and reaffirmed the US's desire to work in concert.

However, the dispute has served to remind Americans of France's extreme touchiness in all of its dealings with the US, particularly when it involves working closely with Washington. "France will always be our most difficult ally", the official remarked.

The cause of the present tension is the two countries'



## Hurricane looting brings 120 arrests

Damaged yachts lying in the remains of a marina at Nassau Bay, Texas, after Hurricane Alicia had passed.

About 120 people have been arrested for looting in Houston and Galveston in the wake of the hurricane (Reuter reports). Six people were killed by the storm and officials

estimated property damage at possibly as much as \$1,000m (£600m) in the area of Houston, the fifth largest United States city. More than 100 people were arrested for looting in central Houston.

A police spokesman said looting of stores began even before the storm passed on Thursday, despite winds

that reached up to 89 mph and blew

hundreds of windows out of shops and skyscrapers throughout the busines

district. Houston Lighting and Power Company reported that power had been restored yesterday to about half the 750,000 people affected. But some of the business district was still without electricity.

Alicia has now been downgraded to a tropical storm and was heading for north-central Texas at about 10 mph early yesterday.

## Western Sahara war unresolved

### Morocco chases a referendum mirage

From Geoffrey Morrisson, Dakhla, Western Sahara

Appropriately, since it concerns the future of an area of sand slightly bigger than Britain, the proposed referendum of the Western Sahara looks increasingly like a political mirage.

But this week the Moroccan Administration wound itself up to win whatever contest may emerge by sending political leaders on a campaign trail of the four main towns in this territory which has been fought over for more than seven years by Morocco and the Polisario guerrillas, who want an independent state.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) called at its summit in June for a ceasefire and for a referendum before the end of this year. But the war goes on, the seven-nation OAU

"implementation committee" has not yet met and the contending parties disagree on a host of things, not least on who should be eligible to vote.

The Spanish, the Western Sahara's colonizers, split it into two in 1976, handing the northern part to Morocco and the southern chunk to Mauritania.

In 1979 the Mauritanians, tired of their war with the Polisario, pulled out of their administrative headquarters here and the Moroccans promptly moved in.

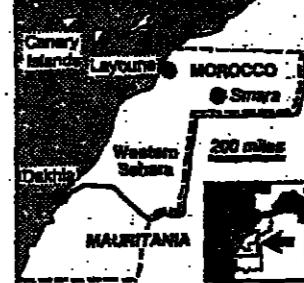
Since then, the war has continued with the Moroccans consolidating their defences in the northern part of the territory - the so-called "useful Saharaw" - which contains the capital, Layoune, and the nearby phosphate deposits, behind a 350-mile sand wall.

Here in Dakhla, a windy desert town built on a long promontory surrounded by the Atlantic, they have their only important outpost beyond the wall.

Ostensibly, Mr Driss Basri, the Interior Minister, came here to install a new regional governor but as he and his colleagues spoke it was soon clear that this was a political campaign.

Loud applause from the men ringing the town's main square and shrill ululations from the women, many of whom waved King Hassan's portrait, greeted ministers' every mention of the monarch.

But perhaps most striking was to see, sitting on the same



platform as the ministers and making similar confident pleas for unity, Mr Abderrahman Radi, leader of the opposition Socialist group in Parliament, who less than two years ago was under house arrest for political reasons.

The common theme was the need to recover "lost" territory and preserve Morocco's territorial integrity.

Mr Abdellah Tazi, the deputy Foreign Minister, said that when the Saharan war started, the number of African countries supporting Morocco could be counted on the fingers of one hand but that now there were at least 23.

## Car blast hurts 20 in Tripoli

Beirut - Twenty people were injured, several seriously, when a bomb exploded in a Mercedes car parked outside the Abdallah al-Bitar hospital in Tripoli, northern Lebanon. Two weeks ago a car bomb killed 19 people outside a Tripoli mosque (Khalid Touman writes).

The bomb went off a short distance from the offices of the October 24 Movement, an anti-Syrian militia supporting the Government of President Amin Gemayel.

In southern Lebanon, local authorities found 22 decomposing bodies under the rubble of a building in Sidon, once used by the Palestine Liberation Organization as a prison.

## Turkish editors for questioning

Istanbul (Reuter) - Two editions and two columns of the banned Turkish newspapers *Tercüman* (right) and *Milliye* (conservative) are to be questioned by the masthead law authorities.

Mr Nazif Ilıcak, columnist, and Mr Uzal Sökmen, senior editor, have been ordered to appear before the prosecutor. So have Mr Dogan Hıçer, editor-in-chief of *Milliye*, and Mr Metin Toker, a columnist.

## Crooks' tour

Marseille (AP) - Six men attacked security guards making a delivery to the Thomas Cook travel agency and stole 3m francs (£250,000).

## Lendl's denial

Ivan Lendl, the Czechoslovak tennis star, who told reporters in Mason, Ohio, that he enjoys the "easy life" in the United States, but had no plans to defect. A London newspaper, quoting "exile" sources, had reported that he had decided to do so.

## Protests 'put down brutally'

Santiago (AP) - Chilean protests last week were put down with an unusual degree of "brutality, sadism and fury", according to a group of doctors here.

Twenty-four demonstrators were killed and dozens more suffered gunshot wounds during last Thursday's national protest day, the fourth in as many months against the regime of President Pinochet.

## Caretaker job

Rarotonga (Reuter) - The former Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Henry, is to head a caretaker government in the Cook Islands until new elections are held on November 2, the Queen's Representative, Sir Gaven Dowie, announced. It will be banned from making new policies or changing existing ones.

## Writers' scrum

Johannesburg (Reuter) - A lavish 10-day conference for about 80 overseas rugby writers, costing an estimated \$500,000 (£300,000), opens in Cape Town on Monday, marking another South African attempt to prove itself ready to be allowed back into the international arena.

## Hated day

Bangkok (AP) - Cambodia has fixed next May 20 as the planned "national day of hatred" against the former Kampuchea Rouge regime. The people would be able to remember forever the black years of Pol Pot, Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan, said the Phnom Penh news agency SPK.

## Space supplies

Moscow (AP) - An unmanned spacecraft Progress 17, carrying fuel, air, water, food and other supplies to the Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Lyakhov and Aleksandr Aleksandrov in the orbiting Salut 7 complex docked with the space station. They are in their eighth week aboard.

## Airliner Fire

Rome (AP) - A Syrian Airlines Boeing 727 bound for Damascus caught fire at Rome airport as 154 passengers were boarding. There was pandemonium on the entry steps as those boarding fled and those inside struggled to get out. The airport was closed for an hour.

## Animal crackers

Moscow (AP) - Three Siberian tigers, Aska, Astra and Tylpan, from the Soviet Far East, a gift from Moscow Zoo to the United States in exchange for a sea lion, will be obliged to make the trip next week via Poland. Since martial law in Poland, President Reagan has suspended President US landing rights.

## Riot-tense Nigerians poll for second time

Lagos (Reuters) - Nigerians were preparing yesterday to vote in senatorial elections under the shadow of government warnings against a repetition of the violence which marred the elections for governors last weekend.

At least 33 people died in Oyo state in clashes which started with allegations of election rigging during last Saturday's vote.

Voting in today's senatorial elections has been postponed in Oyo and in the restive neighbouring state of Ondo, where there were similar violent protests against the gubernatorial result. Polling will go ahead as planned in Nigeria's 17 other states.

There are no official casualty figures for the Ondo violence. In both states, which are under night curfew and heavy paramilitary police control, incumbent governors of the opposition Unity Party of Nigeria were

defeated by candidates of President Shehu Shagari's National Party of Nigeria.

In its first official reaction to the political violence, the government has accused certain unnamed politicians of encouraging the killing, looting and arson. "Government is determined to maintain peace and order in the few areas affected and, indeed, throughout the country," it said in a statement issued by the President's office.

In a related development, Mr Andu Ogben, the Communications Minister, threatened to close down radio and television stations found to be encouraging violence.

● AKURE: Dozens of burnt-out cars and the shells of houses remained a stark reminder of the violence in this capital of Ondo state on Wednesday, as the situation gradually began to return to normal (Reuters reports).

● MURDERERS ON RAMPAGE: Two brothers, one of them an escaped convict, the other a former army marksman, have been shot from north to south China in recent months, shooting dead more than 20 people, mainly policemen, according to an informed source.

High officials in Peking have been warned to guard against assassination attempts by the

political instability in the past few months has considerably aggravated the difficult economic situation of one of the poorest countries in the world.

Worried businessmen say the new revolutionary council set up by parastatal Captain Thomas Sankara after his coup here in early August will have its work cut out restoring confidence.

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## Coup-shocked Upper Volta tries to shake off economic torpor

From Patrick Van Roekelghem  
Agence France-Presse  
Ouagadougou

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activity when the country is already badly hit by the world recession.

In addition, a curfew has been in force for many months. It has complicated the proper working of many firms. Staff have had to sleep at their places of work.

Visitors have become much rarer. The hotels at the moment are at best only 5 per cent occupancy. The tourist season looks badly compromised. There have been a spate of cancellations of hotel bookings. "How could it be otherwise?" a hotel employee asked. "The borders still remain closed at night. The airport is still under guard by armed soldiers, and the airlines have been forced to rearrange their flight times to abide by the curfew."

Heads of major companies call the economy stagnant. They are talking of having to lay off up to 25 per cent of their staff if there is no improvement in the near future.

"Our general expenses remain the same even when business isn't moving," one explained. "The electricity we pay here is among the most expensive in the world."

Captain Sankara is said to be fully aware of the economic

difficulties, and some of his initial statements about getting Upper Volta moving along the path of progress have been well received.

But there are fears that the "new revolution" he is propounding and its radical leftist terminology could excite suspicion and fear in some quarters.

Everybody starts hurrying home at 6 p.m., for fear of being caught outside during curfew and being shot in the legs. An hour later, the city is dead until dawn, when the streets come back to life.

● NELSPRUIT: Eight wardens have gone on trial in this eastern Transvaal town charged

Pakistan's deepening crisis

## Anti-Zia protesters sabotage railways

From Our Correspondent

Islamabad

Protesters against President Zia ul-Haq's martial law regime yesterday ripped up 500 yards of railway line in Sind province, seriously disrupting railway traffic between the north-eastern and southern parts of Pakistan. A railway engineer said along the line as a safety measure was derailed near Ghodki station.

The protest demonstrations and civil disobedience campaign were launched last Sunday by the newly created "Save Pakistan" movement. The banned eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy is behind the new grouping. The campaign has been confined largely to Sind, the home province of the late Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was overthrown by General Zia in a coup six years ago.

There has been no official statement about the effect of the sabotage of railway lines, but according to the Rawalpindi Railway Inquiry Office, the Tegam - Pakistan's crack express - was running up to seven hours behind schedule yesterday.

Meanwhile, troops have taken control of six riot-torn towns in the interior of Sind. According to reports, anti-martial law activists have repeatedly exchanged fire with the police and paramilitary units in these towns.

The Army, which took control of the towns of Dadu, More and Kazi Ahmad after three days of rioting, has now started patrolling the streets of



End of protest: Qari Sher Afzal, an opposition leader, being taken into custody by troops during anti-martial law demonstrations in Karachi.

Larkana, Mr Bhutto's home town, Jacobabad and Naushero Feroz.

At the same time, the martial law authorities have introduced harsher penalties to check anti-regime agitation across the country.

On Thursday a Lahore

days to prevent them taking part in the civil disobedience campaigns.

The leaders of Mr Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party have been severely dealt with. Miss Benazir Bhutto, the executed Prime Minister's daughter, has indeed been detained since March, 1981, long before the current anti-martial law agitation was planned.

The Government has repeatedly warned the public that anyone found guilty of violating martial law regulation 48 could be sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment, whipped and fined.

This martial law regulation prohibits all political activities or incitement to political activity. Opposition leaders suspect that the Government might use this regulation to force newspapers to stop publishing reports of the disturbances.

**@ KARACHI:** Anti-martial law sources here reported that police shot dead five rioters and wounded 20 more in new fighting in Sind province (AP and Reuter report). The sources said that police opened fire on demonstrators while trying to disperse them at Nawab-e-Feroz, in the Nawabshah district.

Eyewitness reports said the dead include three people in Mora and one each in Dadu, Larkana and Mehr.

Police used baton charges and tear gas to break up groups trying to set fire to banks and railway stations in Bhan Sae-dab and Khairpur Nathanshah, according to both official and unofficial sources.

## Curfew extended for Sri Lanka pageant

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

The night curfew here and in eight other districts was extended by two hours from yesterday until Sunday to enable strengthening of the security forces in the central town of Kandy where the historic annual pageant of elephants, drummers and dancers reaches its climax this weekend.

There have been intelligence reports that anti-government forces may attempt to disrupt the pageant by throwing bombs at the elephants.

Fourteen spectators died in a stampede in 1959 when an elephant went berserk after it trod on a burning coal that fell from a brazier.

In Kandy itself the curfew will be reduced by an hour to enable spectators to return



Señor Moran: Sought last-minute concession.

## Spain to cut back on fish catches

From Richard Wigg  
Madrid

Spain and Morocco signed a four-year fishing agreement in Rabat yesterday under which Madrid has promised to reduce progressively its catches in Moroccan waters by 40 per cent.

Spain will also pay £360m in development aid and pay 60 per cent for the licences required to fish.

After months of difficult negotiations, Señor Fernando Moran, the Spanish Foreign Minister, had to fly to Rabat on Thursday to see King Hassan and wrest from him one last-minute concession.

This will allow fishing by the Canaries fleet in the Sardinian coastal waters declared a security zone by Morocco in the fight against the Saharan Polisario guerrillas, although the waters further south will be barred to Spain.

By accepting such an agreement, the Government has effectively begun the arduous task of restructuring Spain's fishing fleet.

The next task is to accept finally the terms of a fishing agreement with Portugal after the lapse of the old one last December.

## Tax shock for Andorra

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

Andorra, the principality lying between Spain and France in the Pyrenees, is in uproar after a vote by its Parliament to introduce income tax. The tax will mainly hit banks, financial companies and bonds.

There is talk of an appeal against the new taxes which would be paid to Andorra's curles, the President of France and the Spanish Bishop of Urgel.

The Chief Minister, who had threatened to resign if the

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## How Prague lives with the invader

Prague (AFP) — Fifteen years after Soviet tanks crushed liberal seeds sown in the Prague spring, Czechoslovakia has resumed the quiet habits under the inexorable authority of a troubled power. The anniversary of the invasion falls tonight.

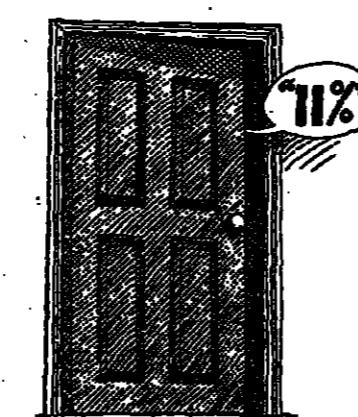
The people no longer take part in politics. They work as little as possible and live rather well, leaving a handful of dissidents to pit themselves against the regime.

Home politics have been the exclusive prerogative of the Communist Party for 35 years. Czechoslovakia no longer disputes it, going along to the "spontaneous" demonstrations to which they are invited and then counted by mass organizations.

Foreign policy has been rigidly based on lessons from Moscow, which Prague has swallowed better than any other Eastern block satellite. Criticism of the West tends to surpass even the teacher's expectations.

Yet life is good and getting better: shops are well-stocked, nobody has to queue and savings banks are overflowing. The number of television sets has doubled in the last 12 years. Foreign travel has increased and the high price of petrol does nothing to deter thousands from heading for the country and one of the longest weekends on the Continent every Friday lunchtime.

Both of Czechoslovakia's main component races gave up armed struggle against invaders centuries ago, preferring non-violent resistance. While the population leading a much better life than the Soviet invader, who is kept locked up in barracks, the Government is left to ponder how to maintain the status quo.



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DIARY**

David Hewson on new doubts over the fate of First World War deserters

## The men who died at dawn

The first was executed on September 8, 1914, shortly after the British Expeditionary Force's sorry retreat from Mons. A private in a Home Counties regiment who had enlisted in Dublin at the age of 17, he was discovered by a gatekeeper hiding in a barn on Baron Edward Rothschild's estate at Tournai. The court martial took place on September 6, the death sentence for desertion was confirmed by the following day, and at 6.30am the next morning the news was conveyed to the soldier in the guardroom. Within 45 minutes he was put before a firing squad and shot.

During the next six years, until March 1920, courts martial condemned 3,080 men to death. All but 346 were reprieved. Three of those to die were officers, two for desertion, one for murder. Fourteen of the Chinese and Coloured Labour Corps were shot. The majority of those who died, 291, were imperial troops in the service of His Majesty, and all but 24 of the executions were carried out in France or Belgium.

It is an episode of British military history which has continually provoked an uneasy conscience. The suspicion that the reason behind most of the executions was simply *pour encourager les autres* has always existed. But the tale against those responsible has remained unproven. The close relatives of those shot are now elderly and usually unwilling to open deep, private wounds.

The hard evidence — the transcripts of the court martial themselves — has stayed firmly out of public view in the archives of the Ministry of Defence. All of them are subject to the 75-year-rule which effectively bans their release for at least a further six years on the grounds that their contents may still offend the living relatives of the condemned.

And for those who sought to ignore the circumstantial evidence there was always the great excuse: in a war which cost 8,538,315 soldiers their lives, is there really any justification for agonizing over the fate of a mere 346, 37 of them convicted murderers, and a sizeable proportion of the rest, by the mores of the age, of dubious mettle?

The publication this autumn of *For The Sake of Example* by Anthony Babington, a circuit judge and himself a decorated veteran of the Second World War, will effectively settle the question of the propriety of those executions.

Babington's book is not startling in its conclusions. It confirms a number of deep-rooted suspicions: the commutation of death sentences, even those with recommendations of mercy, was abandoned at a

moment's notice if military objectives demanded it; rules designed to give the accused a fair hearing were flouted; many medical officers flatly refused to recognize that shell shock represented a real psychiatric condition which ought to be regarded as mitigation in cases of desertion.

Where the book finally destroys the notion of justice for the accused in the First World War is in its sources. Babington was the first writer to be given access to the trial transcripts. Even though he has been strictly bound not to name individual cases, the official records themselves have proved sufficiently damning for the case against the military bureaucracy to be established beyond reasonable doubt.

In Babington's own words: "Viewed by the standards of today few of the executed men received the most elemental form of justice. They were tried and sentenced by courts which often regarded themselves as mere components of the penal process and which, until the final year of the war, were asked to perform a complex judicial function without any sort of legal guidance."

The cases for the accused were seldom presented adequately and sometimes were never presented at all. If crucial matters were raised which might have established their innocence they were rarely investigated by members of the court... if soldiers accused of cowardice or of desertion in the face of the enemy had looked to the medical officers for assistance or compassion then they were likely to have looked in vain. The army doctors as a whole seem to have set themselves up as an extra branch of the provost corps, intent on securing the extreme

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penalty for such offenders whenever possible."

The military necessity for exemplary executions was apparent during the winter of 1914-15 when the beleaguered BEF was suffering from a rash of desertions. A brigadier set out the rationale in a note to his divisional commander: "Every infantry officer of experience will confirm my opinion that there comes a point when men will risk imprisonment or penal servitude rather than carry on their ordinary duty... the execution of a man has a salutary effect on the bad and weak characters in resisting temptation." The number of men likely to desert in the face of the enemy is very small and is composed of a few bad and weak characters. But if these few are able by their crime to obtain the safety and comfort of a prison their numbers will soon be swelled by others of slightly less weak character."

But viewed today, with the benefit of hindsight, the fault which led most men to the firing squad stems more from reaching a psychological breaking point than an inherent unwillingness to fight. A number had distinguished war records up to the time of their court martial, antecedents which were usually ignored.

Major-General Frank Richardson, a distinguished former army medical officer who was involved in three testing campaigns of the last war, which saw such battles as El Alamein, the invasion of Normandy and the assault crossings of the Rhine and Elbe, comments in a postscript to the book: "Although in some of the cases described by Judge Babington the accused men were of bad character (some were mur-

derers) there remain far too many which must surely have aroused the pity of their comrades and distaste for such apparently indiscriminating punishment."

In 1930, after a tortuous path through the political machinery, legislation was passed which made treachery and mutiny the only military offences punishable with death. During the Second World War, only four executions for military offences took place, three for mutiny, and one for treason. Babington surmises: "One reason for this might have been that most of the higher commanders had learnt the lessons of leadership whilst serving as junior officers on the brutal and blood-soaked wastes of the Western Front. Perhaps they realized that there are better ways of controlling men in action than by resorting to a discipline of fear."

One of the most graphic descriptions of an execution on the Western Front was given by Dr M. S. Ester who served as a medical officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Ester, as recorded in the Imperial War Museum's oral history section, was instructed to pin a piece of coloured flannel over the condemned man's heart to provide a target for the firing squad.

"Two men came and led him out of the hut where he'd been guarded all night. As he left the hut his legs gave way; then one could see the fear entering his heart. Rather than march to the firing spot he was dragged along. When we got there he had his hands tied behind his back, he was put against a wall, his eyes were bandaged and the firing squad were given the order to fire."

"I wondered at the time: 'What on earth will happen if they miss him and they don't kill him completely?' And I was very anxious about that, but when they fired I felt to the ground writhing as all people do — even if they've been killed they have this reflex action of writhing about which goes on for some minutes."

"I didn't know whether he was dead or not, but at that moment the sergeant in charge stepped forward, put a revolver to his head and blew his brains out."

The experience did not shake Ester. When he was asked if he thought the death penalty was justified, he replied: "I think it was absolutely essential... they (the men) would have begun to feel that you only had to walk off during a battle and then come back afterwards and you escaped death or mutilation... I think it was a necessary punishment."

For *The Sake of Example* will be published by Leo Cooper in association with Secker & Warburg, price £8.95.

against him was universally disliked. Dwyett later told his family that the man had fallen off with Edwin when Dwyett caught him sneaking women into the training barracks at Blandford, Dorset. This piece of circumstantial evidence is backed up, remarkably enough, by the unpublished memoirs of a clerk at 189th Brigade HQ, Thomas Macmillan.

After the order for Dwyett's execution was confirmed — in the face of a recommendation for mercy on two counts, his youth and inexperience and the prevailing circumstances which would have affected any young officer "unless he had a strong character" — Macmillan passed the news to his superiors. Dwyett was executed, and some days later records of the case crossed Macmillan's desk.

"I had only time to glance over them... but my hasty perusal sufficed to disclose who the witnesses for the prosecution were, and from that moment I resolved to shut them both, for one of them was none other than the Petty Officer who shaped so badly (in an earlier campaign), and the other an officer for whom I had a very poor regard."

Macmillan wondered if Dwyett was the first martyr to the clamour from the ranks for an example to be made of an officer for desertion, a clamour he acknowledged, which was totally justified.

"If however, they were forced to act, why did they force a mere boy for their first victim? It was obvious that the lad had been commissioned to control men before he had learned to control himself. Surely there were senior officers who had been guilty of desertion or cowardice — officers whose age, experience, and responsibility made their crime so much more reprehensible."

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**Edmund Akenhead**

## A little logic with the logodaedali

Fine words may butter no parsnips, but words in general provide bread and butter for those harmless drudges (as Samuel Johnson describes them), the lexicographers and, of course, those daily deceivers the crossword compilers.

Together they provide an interesting example of symbiosis, and now that Collins Dictionaries have undertaken the sponsorship of the annual crossword championships we may expect to find the effect of crosswords on dictionaries and vice versa becoming more marked.

How about a new "usage label" to join (colloq.), (slang), (joc.) (deng) and (vulg) in the form of (cwp) for "crossword puzzles"? This could appear with e.g. "bowler=violinist", "flower=river", Po, Exe, Fal, Ure, Dee, Lea etc." "lower=cow"; "shoer=demonstrator" and "tower=downward recovery vehicle" — it is extraordinary how many low words lend themselves to such duplicity.

Some dictionaries are created almost exclusively for crossword solvers and compilers. Such a one is *The Anagram Dictionary* by Michael Curi, recently published at £2.95 by Paperstar, the paperback division of Macmillan. I looked to see if it had anything to add to "Derange", "grandee", "angered" and "enraged" by exploding grenade" — and it had — the grandee should of course have been "garde", "angered" and "enraged" form what the author calls cognate anagrams, or anagrams which define each other.

In addition to such well-known ones as "Honor est a Nilo" for "Horatio Nelson" and "Flit on, cheering angel" for "Florence Nightingale", there are some up-to-date ones. You may make your choice between "hat great charm" and "Meg, the arch tart" (8,8) for one of these (no prizes offered).

Throughout the years of the crossword championship competitors have known that the dictionaries I have relied on have been the *Concise Oxford* and the *Chambers 20th Century*. Old-time navigators used to take three chronometers to provide a majority decision should one of them fail to keep proper time, and now the *Collins English Dictionary* has been added to make a trio of referees. Solvers of *Times* puzzles, however, need not think that they should have all these dictionaries since it is only very rarely that a word is used that does not appear in all three. They may be relieved to hear that my own reference books do not include that magnum opus, the *Oxford English Dictionary*, my reasoning being that if a word or a spelling or a meaning is only to be found in the *OED* it is unlikely to be known to the majority of readers.

When, early this year, I was first introduced to the *Collins English Dictionary* I turned at once to "infer" and saw to my chagrin that it included "hint or imply" among its definitions, the said chagrin however, being immediately dispensed by the following note: "Usage: The use of *infer* in the sense of *imply* often occurs in both speech and writing but is avoided by all careful speakers and writers of English". Exactly — and pausing only to check that the definitions of the verb "subjoin" did not include "replace" I decided the *Collins* had the right ideas, and I found that its policy of giving almost every derivative word its own main heading made such words easier to find.

It is planned to have "quicky" puzzle contests to fill in spare moments between the four main puzzle sessions. The entry fee will also cover light refreshments. It is expected that the final prize-giving will take place at about 3.15pm.

The author is Crossword Editor of The Times. He retires this autumn after 18 years.

**Peter Nichols**

## A new view from the rectory

From Cleo to Heaven the beacon burns.

The shires have seen it plain,

From north to south the sign returns

And beacons burn again.

From the steep hill beside the rectory one can see, on a clear day 15 miles to the south-east, Clee Hill, Where Housman's beacon celebrated Victoria's jubilee. And on such a day this week we climbed to the Iron Age fort, with its three eroded ramparts, and stared west towards the Welsh hills then south along the Clun valley, coming round at last to the white radar sphere on distant Clee.

Our visitor thought this Shropshire and Welsh borders landscape as perfect as he'd seen anywhere. The bleak of a stray ewe and coughing of a pheasant were the only sounds to break the profound afternoon peace until — with a sudden shriek and roar — two jet fighters burst from the south. They almost touched the ancient bastion where we stood, banking up the valley to make their turn about Montgomery. Instantly silence fell again. Our friend had thrown himself down and lay cowering.

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This fighter blew off poor Jack's hat, It frightened even me. Said he "While we've got friends like that we need no enemy."

In valleys of springs of rivers By Ony and Teme and Clun, The country for easy livers, The quietest under the sun.

The author's most recent play, Poppy, was produced by the RSC last year.

### False prophets

In 1950, weather forecasts were claimed to be 90 per cent accurate, in 1969 between 70 and 80 per cent, and nowadays 85 per cent. It all depends, of course, what you mean by accurate. In *New Scientist*, Ivor Williams, a Meteorological Office employee for seven years, summarizes his own analysis of the 5.55pm radio forecast for his area, the southwest. He concludes: "Overall, the forecasts hardly seem worthwhile. They were correct on 39 occasions, doubtful on 14 occasions; in error (not serious) on 13 occasions; and failed on 27 occasions. Leaving out the 14 doubtful forecasts, the total correct was 39 out of 79, about half." Williams says the results astounded him, not only because the reports were so inaccurate, but because they were inadequate in detail and confusingly presented. Perhaps nobody else will be very surprised, though.

### Must do better

Bring back school meals. A paper to be presented at the British Association for the Advancement of Science next week analyses the contents of 500 packed lunches brought to school by children in Brighton. A third were completely unsatisfactory, lacking two or more vital ingredients — usually fruit and veg. Two thirds had at least one sweetened item, such as chocolate bars, which the authors regarded as "nutritionally redundant". When they go back to school, we are urged, more cheese in the sandwiches, and a piece of fruit every day.

• A PHSpri was amused when he was stopped in a London taxi cab saying "St Mary le Bow, please". The driver, puzzled, said: "Doesn't ring a bell with me, guv."

### One and only

The late Ira Gershwin allowed only one of his brother's manuscripts to pass from his possession — that of George's string quartet which he gave as a birthday present to his friend, the harmonica player Larry Adler. The performer had some difficulty, when presenting the premiere of the orchestrated version in Belfast, in spelling out the name of his benefactor.

**Much binding...**

BBC's *Breakfast Time* evidently thinks TV-ans has taken over completely. Lord Marsh, TV-ans chairman, was roused at home yesterday morning to receive a package from the BBC, addressed to "Lord Peter Marsh". Lord Marsh's first name, of course, is Richard. The package came from Ron Neil, editor of *Breakfast Time*, with a friendly note thanking Marsh for his much appreciated contributions "here recorded for posterity". It proved to be a video recording of an advertising man called Peter Marsh, thumbing through a morning's newspapers.

**DRAMA SCHOOL**

BARRY FANTONI



I'll pretend I'm famous, and you... Michael Parkinson

**Conductor!**

Michel Deneuve, a musician from Paris, has heard about the difficulties of finding the Barbican. Bringing three of his glass instruments for tomorrow's free lunchtime concert of the Bassett Sound Sculptures in the Barbican Hall, Deneuve will drive from Dover. As soon as he reaches London's outskirts he will hail a taxi, tell the cabbie his destination, and then follow him.

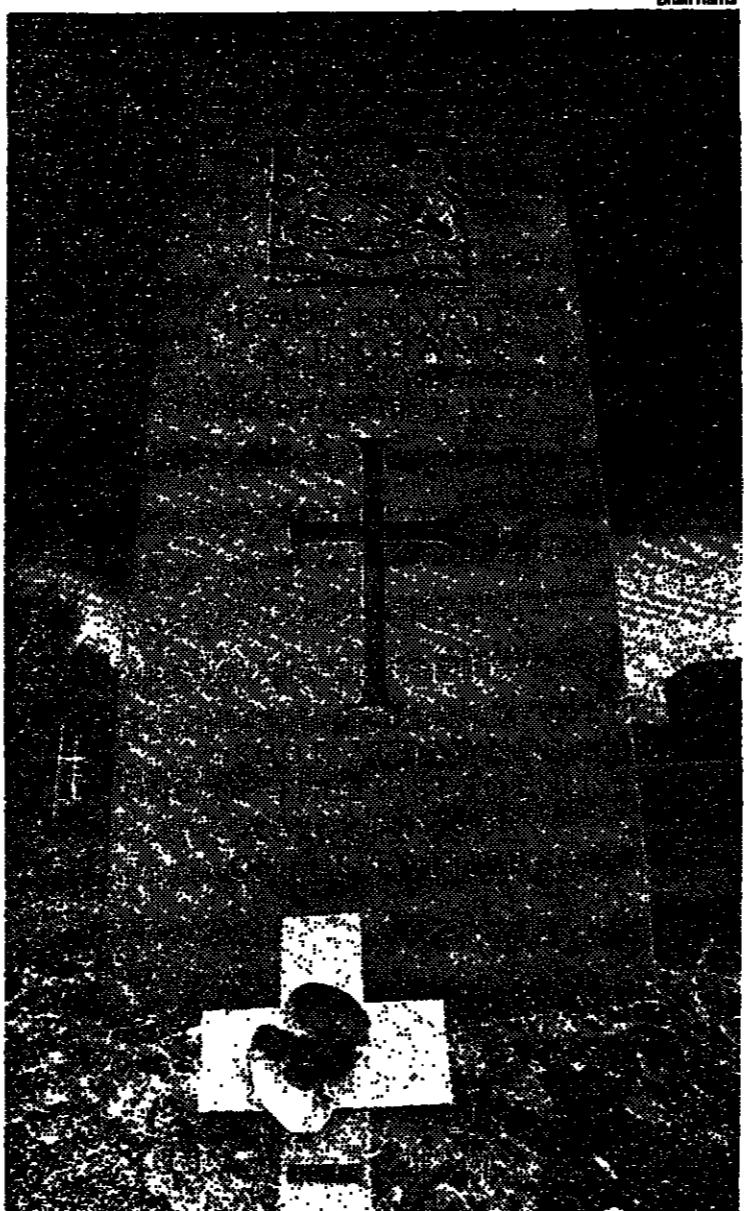
• Over the wash basin in the lavatory of a Canadian publishing house is a sign with the exhortation: "Think! Underneath someone has written: "Thief".

**Gnoming in**

Locked out of the Chelsea flower show, garden gnomes will have a Gnomeria of their own at the East of England show at Peterborough over August bank holiday weekend. There will be a great gnome march from Huntingdon, a gnome hotel, a missing gnomes bureau and a Gnomes Anonymous club at which visitors can register their own gnomes, and an adoption scheme for the gnomesless. There will also be a gnome hospital, in case some irritated human takes a well-directed kick at the little chaps.

A press advertisement for Agfa films has a shot of a little boy on a beach, relieving himself on to the sand. Some publications, Reader's Digest among them, refused to run it unless the picture was retouched. The advertising agency performed the necessary function in a trifle. It is an old adage in the advertising business that the message should be kept free of riddles.

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Edwin Dwyett with his father. "I feel for you..."



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## THE SOVIET CHALLENGE: III

A realistic assessment of Moscow's policies is the first step towards organizing a coherent defence. The need for an adequate military budget is generally acknowledged, even if the precise level and distribution of expenditure is hotly debated. Less widely realized, however, is that armed force is only one of the options pursued by the Soviet leaders to promote what they argue is an inevitable transition from capitalism to Soviet-style socialism.

The numerous Soviet espionage operations uncovered in the West are dismissed by many as no worse than the activities of Western intelligence services against the USSR. Yet unlike the closed society of the USSR, the very freedoms enjoyed by the public in the West make it open to penetration. When spies are discovered in top-secret government departments, proposals for positive vetting are debated but widely dismissed as unnecessary. Agents of influence are revealed in government, business, and media circles but are usually regarded as insignificant in their impact on policy. Of course it would be absurd to try to defend Western values by suppressing freedom; but the only alternative is to make every effort to expose and combat the damage caused by negligence.

The Soviet authorities go to great effort and expense to spread misleading propaganda. British schools and colleges receive free of charge *Novosti* periodicals and booklets, exaggerating every positive aspect of Soviet life and suppressing all the shortcomings, while at the same time crudely distorting the policies of Western governments. Much of this material is primitive, even counter-productive. Yet when even the respected *Encyclopaedia Britannica* contains entries by Soviet authors which are far from presenting life in the USSR as it really is, the need for some

effective counter-measures becomes clear.

It makes little sense to spend the country's wealth on weapons of mass destruction which, as deterrents, it is hoped never to use, while simultaneously trying to economize by reducing the educational budget for Russian studies or cutting the external services of the BBC. Education about the Soviet system and information about its impact on world events form a vital part of our defence and are cheap in comparison with tanks and missiles.

The repeated acts of Soviet repression in the countries of Eastern Europe refute the theory that by expanding trade based on cheap credit it might prove possible to woo them from the Soviet empire. Moscow has retained control, while the Western banking system has suffered considerable losses. Other approaches seem more hopeful in pursuing some loosening of the Soviet grip. By the Helsinki Accords and other international agreements the West has the right, indeed the duty, to expand the flow of information, encouraging free thought, supporting those who campaign for human rights and furthering the drive to establish independent trade union movements.

With Soviet troops fighting in Afghanistan it would be valuable to extend Western broadcasting to the major nationalities not yet covered by programmes in their own languages. The clandestine *sanizdat* journals are already questioning why nations in the USSR, which are themselves suffering from oppression should send their sons to die in a colonialist war. These doubts can be given much wider circulation through radio broadcasts. Moscow denounces truthful Western reporting as provocation or psychological warfare, but it is sufficient response to cite by way of contrast the

distorted Soviet broadcasting on Northern Ireland. Western society thrives on open debate, while the Soviet leadership fears all free discussion.

Coordination of military defence has largely been achieved through Nato, but there is little sign of a coherent policy on economic matters. The US-Soviet grain deal, the gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe, supplying high technology on low-interest loans, are only a few of the many issues on which agreement has been sadly lacking. The United States, Western Europe and Japan must act in closer cooperation if the threat of sanctions is to have any restraining influence on Soviet expansionism. Measures to prevent Soviet acquisition of technology with military applications should be strengthened. Even if restricted materials can still be acquired by illegal means, the cost to Moscow in scarce hard currency is greatly increased.

In economic aid to the Third World the Soviet record is poor; the USSR is better able to supply weapons and promote conflict. New Marxist-Leninist regimes benefit from Soviet experience in preserving their political power, but Moscow is not a useful source of advice or aid in solving economic problems. The West has much more to offer and could preempt Soviet involvement by promoting economic development and democratic government in countries threatened by internal strife. Too often ignorance of local politics has led to incorrect assessments and failure to act in time.

The countries of the West have many faults, but they also have the freedom to discuss and correct them. We have no walls or fences to stop mass emigration; our problem, on the contrary, is to stem immigration from less fortunate lands. To continue to prosper, however, we need foresight and resolution, and we need them now.

## THE ENGLISHNESS OF KUNSTGESCHICHTE

Hitler's bombers destroyed many buildings England would like still to have. But Hitler's Jew-baiters gave England a man who has taught us to read those that remain, and those that have sprung up since, with a fresh and accurate eye. Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, who has just died, was one of those great spirits who made English culture an indirect beneficiary of the tragic persecution of German Jewry.

In his field alone, the refugee names of Wirkower, Wind, the Warburg Institute itself which was removed from Hamburg to London in 1936, and Sir Ernst Gombrich who came with it as a young research assistant. They have transformed the academic study of art here, and Pevsner, even more than the others, imparted motion to the rolling revolution of retrospective taste.

He was already a student of English art and architecture when he fled Germany in 1934. He came equipped with the formidable apparatus of the German school of art history. He found here material for its exercise that seemed naturally suited to his sensibility. "The Englishness of English Art" he called his Reith lectures. He, the foreign refugee, was that quality's acute analyst and historian, his vision made all the more sensitive by observation of continental European styles and periods. In the *Buildings of England* series for Penguin the Teutonic method went to work

on the vernacular of the rambling English countryside, an ominous collision. But whether the method relented or the material pulled itself together, the outcome is a perfect blend and a source of unfailing pleasure.

Every county of England (the old, the proper counties): from Cornwall to Staffordshire by way of Gilbert Scott, Allen Lane of Penguins deserves much of the credit for making it so that the great gazetteer was not merely a library reference book but went out and about in hand and pocket. It is a pity though that Penguins put the series out of soft covers part way through. The early paperbacks cost less, weigh less, slip into the pocket and even hold together — they must have had good glue in those days.

From the habit of consulting these volumes you learn to read a building through an exemplary medium of concise description. Pevsner had no time to waste and he wastes none of his readers' with irrelevant details or ornamental prose. Every building described he (or, in the case of a few counties towards the end, his collaborating editors) had seen. His notes fix it on the page. Used as a vade-mecum the *Buildings* is a weaver of detours and makes you late for every appointment.

Nor is the doctor as dry as he is sometimes thought. Sample

him on the subject of the little church of St Mary at Lawton in Essex. He is standing in the fourteenth-century chancel.

The large N and S windows of three lights have eight different tracery patterns of which at least five are quite unusual and must probably be credited to the imagination of this particular master mason...

The easternmost N window has instead of foliage two chains of little men. They dance, wrestle, play musical instruments, hold each other by their feet...

The spandrels again are full of figures, their heads broken off by vandals. Some are angels making music on the portable organ, pearly, gittern, organistrum (merry-gurdy) and harp.

Precision matches the rising excitement. And you can tell he is excited because there follows one of rare sententious asides (of which a small treasury ought to be compiled). A tenetos (by C. F. Hayward, 1884) seeks to outdo in alabaster the magnificence of the medieval stone-work. "It needs all the Victorian self-confidence not to restrain oneself in the presence of so much ornamental carving as the interior of the chancel displays."

To come upon such wonder in a village church standing among corn fields above the river Stour... that the record of tens of thousands of other such discoveries, and a way of looking is Pevsner's gift to his adopted country.

## Latvian nationalism

From Mr Andrei Dubrovsky

Sir, Nationalism is "the most powerful chemical solvent" which is going to bring the Soviet Union crashing down in ruins, writes Mr Bernard Levin in his article on Soviet Latvia (August 8). Very dramatically Mr Levin — will the Soviet Union survive until next week?

Well, the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic was certainly doing fine the week Mr Levin was typing out his awful prophecies of doom. I was there, on holiday, just prior to coming to London. I can report that all appeared calm and I found the people proud, hospitable and — dare I say it — happy. Living standards in Latvia seemed to me, if anything, higher than in other parts of the Soviet Union.

But what about the ruthless crushing of Latvian nationalism? Latvian as a language is compulsory in schools and all other educational establishments. There are nine professional theatres, national film studios and TV and radio channels all using the Latvian language. For a population of 2.5 million there are 49 newspapers and 51 magazines in Latvian and around 13 million books published each year in the national language.

Incidentally, a remark made to me by an old man in Riga remains in my mind. "We did not establish

Soviet power here in 1940," he said. "We restored it. We proclaimed the Soviet Republic of Latvia in 1918. That puts a slightly different perspective on Mr Levin's assertions of a Soviet seizure of Latvia in 1940 (not 1941).

Really, Mr Levin should not believe all the highly coloured tales in the publications he receives from foreign sources around the world. His hatred of my country seems to obliterate his knowledge of the basic journalistic principle of checking sources.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Quality of teaching

From Mr J. R. Northeast

Sir, There can be no disputing the unease that will arise from the Secretary of State for Education's latest intentions. The report from your Education Correspondent (August 11) is very disturbing to those in the sharp end of school operation.

Presumably, very large schools such as this one command larger and more varied resources than others. Nevertheless, the economics department here is already run off its feet with very large classes,

specially at the very demanding A level. In no way can time be spared for general class teaching by these specialists.

Who, therefore, will teach these so-called economic "facts of life"? Teachers in cognate areas such as sociology and history are unlikely to welcome this opportunity. We are then faced with a teaching activity of such bad quality.

Further, if history has sometimes raised doubts concerning exposure to bias, what a fruitful field is offered by economic doctrines. Lastly, as your correspondent so rightly points out, what do we throw out in order to make room for this?

There is already a very wide gulf between those who make and control broad policy in Westminster and those who execute it at the other end. I remain equally concerned that my Government is doing deserves your editorial wrath.

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## Manicheism on Mexico

From the Mexican Ambassador

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Third World relies, or the catastrophic rise in interest rates, Mexico would have easily avoided its present financial straits.

All the blame for the "wet-backs" is also put on Mexico. Nothing is said about the unprovoked and unjust commercial boycott of Mexican products which has caused further unemployment nor about the constant refusal of the US government legally to protect the basic human rights of foreign workers. And the faulty situation remains, and my compatriots continue to be wilfully and unmercifully exploited.

Your remarks your editorial makes about the Mexican system of government worry me a great deal. I wonder if your correspondent in Mexico City is keeping abreast of developments. One quarter of the Chamber of Deputies and purely goes to parties in the opposition, which have created an active parliamentary life. This

coupled with the recent trend in local elections points to the obvious conclusion that Mexico is solving its present problems in a democratic fashion.

The Revolutionary Party continues to govern not because of its secretiveness and arbitrariness, as you suggest, but because it represents a majority of the political forces in today's Mexico. Its candidates certainly reveal the policies they intend to follow, and public opinion takes due notice of any deviation.

Your editorial harps on the idea of the "indiscernibility" and "unpredictability" of Mexican politics. May I humbly suggest that a fair consideration of the way things actually are in Mexico will surely enable *The Times* to overcome such unwelcome and unnecessary perplexities.

Yours sincerely,  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Familiar ring of empire building

From Mr Matthew Parris, MP for Derbyshire West (Conservative)

Sir, It is amusing to run through today's leading article ("The Soviet Challenge", August 13, reading "1883" for "1983" and "The British Empire" for "The Soviet Union").

The references to Afghanistan sound familiar. The reference to Czechoslovakia would be out of place — but then the South African War (self-defence, of course) still lay ahead. We were quietly elbowing our way into Southern Rhodesia at the time.

The attention you devote to the repressive domestic policy of the Great Powers would be inappropriate: we were a free people, and it is interesting to ask whether that made us less dangerous to the foreign governments which got in our way.

## Treating people — and the community

From the Chairman of the Chiropractic Association

Sir, My association, which represents the interests of chiropractic patients, welcomes the BMA's inquiry into alternative forms of health treatment and shares its concern about some of the claims made and methods used by paramedical practitioners.

The main problem facing the BMA is that it appears to have a vested interest in the results of the inquiry, which will thus be regarded as a service to keep people healthy. The sickness service dominates political debate about the nation's health and care which often provokes a similarly hostile reaction from the medical profession is community health.

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There are, today, well over one thousand community health groups. They are concerned with the prevention of ill-health through suitable diet and exercise, health education, pre and post-natal care, sharing experience of the management of, for example, depression or drug dependency, or mental illness, women's health needs and so on.

It has been argued that some acute hospital services might be transferred to the community, for example that a proportion of heart attack victims derive little benefit from hospital treatment and that many current surgical operations could be on an outpatient basis or with overnight admission only.

I am glad that the DHSS has recently funded a unit to provide Community Health Initiatives with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

One of our goals is to win the co-operation of the medical profession so that community health initiatives, as much as alternative treatments for ill-health, can be seen to be a complementary part of a service that might then more appropriately be called a national health service.

Yours faithfully,  
VICTOR EARL, Chairman,  
The Chiropractic Advancement  
Association,  
32 Trevelyan Way,  
Berkshire.

From the Director of the National  
Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, Your leader, "Physician, heal thyself" (August 10), comments upon growing public interest in

## LSO's programming

From the Chairman of The London  
Symphony Orchestra

Sir, Having just returned from a highly successful visit to the Salzburg Festival it is with some dismay that we hear from Mr Bryan Appleyard (July 25) that we could be responsible for "radical upheaval" and "profound consequences" in the serious music industry as a result of our current negotiations with The Barbican Centre about our future artistic policy in our home in the City of London.

We are indeed in the process of negotiating our future in The Barbican. As the only London orchestra with a home we have built on this privilege and keenly feel our responsibility and artistic commitment to the City of London and to our audiences.

Our "Juck Juste" list of conductors in the last year has included our music director, Claudio Abbado, Sir Colin Davis, Rafael Kubelik and Bohemian director Yuri Simonov. Our "poor programming" has included two performances of Stockhausen's masterpiece for three orchestras *Gruppen* which is rarely attempted anywhere in the world, a Brahms cycle under Kubelik described as "among the season's outstanding musical events" (*The Guardian*) and many of the major works of Tippett and Berio.

Precision matches the rising excitement. And you can tell he is excited because there follows one of rare sententious asides (of which a small treasury ought to be compiled). A tenetos (by C. F. Hayward, 1884) seeks to outdo in alabaster the magnificence of the medieval stone-work. "It needs all the Victorian self-confidence not to restrain oneself in the presence of so much ornamental carving as the interior of the chancel displays."

To come upon such wonder in a village church standing among corn fields above the river Stour... that the record of tens of thousands of other such discoveries, and a way of looking is Pevsner's gift to his adopted country.

## Dover's Powder

From Mr C. B. Perry

Sir, Philip Howard ("Elbow room for doctors", August 9) is hardly fair to Dr Thomas Dover.

Dover never claimed to have treated Sydenham for smallpox. On the contrary, in his book, *The Ancient Physician's Legacy to his Country*, first published in 1732, he states (pages 119-120) that Sydenham treated him for smallpox and that the treatment he received, and which he recommends, consisted of oil of vitriol (sulphuric acid) but of 12 bottles of small-beer (probably very different from our beer) acidulated with spirit of vitriol every 24 hours.

This suggests that Sydenham was well aware of the risk of dehydration to a febrile patient.

Dover's book was an 18th-century best-seller and there were six editions before his death in 1742.

Yours faithfully,  
C. BRUCE PERRY,  
Beechfield,  
54 Grove Road,  
Coome Dingle, Bristol.

## SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday tomorrow.  
Princess Anne will present the prizes for the FEI European Three Day Event Championships for Young Riders, to be held at Burghley, Stamford, Lincolnshire, on September 10.  
The Prince of Wales, as president of the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a concert at the Albert Hall on September 21.  
The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk and CNAV competitions, will be in the chair at a meeting of judges at St Giles Hospice at Whittington, Staffordshire, and will attend a thanksgiving service in Lichfield Cathedral on September 27.

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**Forthcoming marriages**

Mr J. R. F. Ballantyne and Miss E. J. Dodds

The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of the late Forsy Ballantyne and Mrs B. Ballantyne, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Dodds, of Dundee, North-east Scotland.

Mr N. S. C. Harrington and Miss M. M. Barber

The engagement is announced between Neil Harrington and Marissa Barber, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr P. C. Keeling and Miss E. S. G. Jarrold

The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Keeling, and Eve, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Jarrold.

Captain J. M. Sloss, RAMC and Captain C. A. Flanagan, QARANC

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. P. Sloss, of Parkside, Cambridge, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Flanagan, of Mert Clough, Burnley, Lancashire.

Mr S. P. Judge and Miss J. J. Cox

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs H. G. Judge, of Oxford, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs K. A. Cox, of Radlett, Hertfordshire.

### Marriages

Mr C. D. Andry and Miss V. M. Lovett

The marriage took place on August 6 at Holy Trinity, Worcester, Herefordshire, of Mr Christopher Andrew, son of Mr Peter Andry, 72, and Mrs Rosemary Baratt, of London, and Miss Virginia Lovett, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Lovett, of Boston, United States.

Mr A. L. T. Nitch-Smith and Miss M. C. Arnald

The marriage took place quietly in London on August 18 of Mr Andrew Nitch-Smith, of Highgate, and Miss Marion Arnald, of Kingston-upon-Thames.

### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Robin Clarke, assistant director of the Natural Environment Research Council's Institute of Hydrology at Wallingford, Oxfordshire, to be director of the Freshwater Biological Association at its headquarters in Windermere from October 1, in succession to Mr David Le Cren.

Mr Neil Boulent, director of Sanforized Services Europe, Middle East and Africa, to be deputy chairman of the Housing Corporation in succession to Mr Lewis Waddington.

Mr David Cochrane, formerly executive vice-chairman of the Chloride Group, to be a member of the Housing Corporation board for three years from September 1.

**Birthdays**

TODAY: Mr Reginald Bevins, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir John Colley, 78; Mr John Courtney, 31; Sir Frank Englehardt, 92; Mr Alan Fenton, 72; Professor Sir John Plumbe, 72; General Sir Nigel Poett, 70; Mr Johnny Prescott, 45; Baroness Roslyn of Kiddington, 64.

MORROW: Mr A. Abbott, 62; Dame Janet Baker, 50; Count Basic, 79; Lord Beswick, 71; Mr Christopher Brasier, 51; Sir Kenneth Cork, 70; Lord Goodman, 59; The Hon Gerald Lascelles, 59; Mr Barry Norman, 50; Mr Sam Toy, 60; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 55; Mr Mike Weston, 45.

### Church news

Church in Wales

Masses for the requie. The Vicarage, Bassaleg, Chepstow. In the ecclesiastical benefit of Wrexham, diocese of St Asaph.

## Fossil first for reptile in Australia

From Tony Dubouin

Melbourne

A zoologist from Queensland University has discovered the fossil jawbone of a large mammal-like reptile which inhabited Australia more than 200 million years ago.

Mr Richard Thulborn made the discovery in south-east Queensland. The fossil is the first of its type to be found in Australia and considerably extends the country's fossil record. The earliest previous remains found date back only 23 million years.

Until Mr Thulborn's discovery Australia remained the only continent that lacked the remains of these reptiles, known as dicynodonts.

Dicynodonts appear to be the only mammal-like reptile, or synapsid, with a special loose jaw structure which allowed the jaw to slide back and forth during feeding. They were plant eaters and were the most widespread and successful of the early herbivores, lasting about 50 million years.

Mr Thulborn said the jawbone, found at a place known as the Crater, in south-east Queensland, was probably derived from an animal similar to those of which remains have been found in Africa, China, South America and India. He described it as a rather small "small chunky hippo, with a head coming forward to form a beak and possibly a couple of tusks projecting from the upper jaw".

### Science report

#### Venus mountain ranges

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A radar scan of Venus has revealed parallel ranges of mountains caused by constant upheavals similar to those that created mountain ranges on Earth.

Observations of the planets by ground-based and space-borne telescopes had not shown until now any other body in the solar system with long mountain ranges produced by the shifting of crustal plates.

The report by Dr D. B. Campbell, Dr J. W. Head, Dr J. K. Harmon and Dr A. A. Hine emphasizes the fact that the smaller bodies of the inner solar system (Mercury, Mars and the Moon) are characterized by a continuous crustal layer dating to the first half of the history of the solar system.

In contrast, Earth, which is about twice the radius of the largest of those small bodies, has many laterally moving lithospheric plates, large portions of which being less than 200 million years old, are therefore geological youngsters.

Venus fascinates astronomers and geologists because it is about the same size and density as the Earth.

The shape of the mountains

showed bands made by the irregular pattern of faults and

lava flows, which in slow upheavals on Earth forged mountain ridges.

One of those features on Venus, known as Maxwell Montes, rises more than 36,000ft in less than 40 miles.

A radar map of the terrain in the present issue of *Science* charts successive ranges on several of the highlands. But none of the others is as high as Maxwell Montes.

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## THE ARTS

## Concerts

BBCSO/Howarth  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

The first half of Thursday's Proms long though it was showed masterly design in projecting us into stages out of the suffocation of a heatwave Albert Hall. First there was a jaunt down the road to Hammersmith, for Holst's eponymous prelude and scherzo in its original scoring for military band.

After this it was out into the country to hear Vaughan Williams's *Lark Ascending* and to hear the bird indeed in Anna Brown's beautiful playing of the violin solo. There was the feel of feather in the touch of her bow, something perfectly formed and soft, yet very present, and her aerial phrasing was alive and right in every detail, not least the personal addition of a glissando to prove one was not imagining it all.

Then, mounting in orchestral size, duration and every other dimension, the concert moved from an idealized Norfolk to an idealized everywhere in David Lumsdaine's *Hagoromo*. This was commissioned by the BBC and first played by its symphony orchestra in Paris six years ago, but somehow it had never happened in Britain before, which has been very much our loss. Indeed, not for quite some years, since the first performance of Peter Maxwell Davies's *A Mirror of Whiteness Light*, have I heard a new orchestral piece so stunning and so rich in new experience.

The only thing wrong with it is its ugly title, borrowed from a non play that provided some

initial stimulus. In the play, according to Lumsdaine, an angel dances for two fishermen and reveals to them the beauty of the natural world.

What happens in the composition is that the orchestra is made to dance, and to reveal, for itself and for its audience, its own beauty in a thousand new colours and shapes. There are sheets of string and wind tone dappled with pitched percussion as a Klimt is dappled with gold. There are tangled, tendrilled growths in the large woodwind ensemble, distant summonses from muted trumpets, glittering cascades from a body of seven metallophones and xylophones.

There are also two features that keep the work from being the empty self-indulgent fantasy all this might imply. The first is that Lumsdaine's imaginary landscape has a searching, critical human presence, noticeable at moments of aggression in the drums or more generally in the angular melody. The second is that *Hagoromo* follows very much its own course.

With these materials Lumsdaine could easily have created a much more "successful" piece; the bows mixed with the cheers at the end were a measure of his achievement in avoiding any resounding rhetoric in favour of huge harmonic movements that simply disappear, go underground. They are unlikely to be better played than they were here by the BBC SO under Elgar Howarth, but they will surely be emerging again soon.

**Paul Griffiths**

this performance so much of its drawing intensity.

To single out any section of an orchestra in as fine form as the CBSO may seem perverse, but it was a rare pleasure to hear a body of strings freed to let the score speak through them rather than vice versa - whether brushing the second movement into life or biting into the finale's surging momentum.

Rather like a Russian doll, a second concert was hidden inside what was already quite enough to digest for one evening. But, unlike the doll, Jessie Norman's orchestral song recital was by no means the next size down.

Three Strauss songs of rest, including a "Wiegengesang", remarkable for its sustained mezzo voice, moulded exquisitely by a barely perceptive ratio of voice and solo instrument, were framed by two exultant paens of praise: "Zueignung" and "Cäcilie", in place of the advertised *Four Last Songs*.

Miss Norman's performing presence is happily relaxing once again into an unobtrusive, minutely integrated unity of sound and movement, and nowhere more tellingly than in her Ravel *Sherazade*. Every inflection, allusion, flavour and scent of those invisible cities was recreated within a vocal line translucent enough to work in perfect expressive partnership with the CBSO's refined shaping of Ravel's score.

**Hilary Finch**

## Opera

Rigoletto  
Coliseum

New York weather outside; New York inside the Coliseum, with a montage of sleazy bars, mafioso rivalries, fast-talking romance from *West Side Story* and dingy plotted murder from *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, B-movie stories and twisted characters, all sewn together by the ingenious surgical skill of Jonathan Miller and - unaccountably - all set to music by Giuseppe Verdi a century ago.

Miller's *Rigoletto* is back and brilliantly effective both as melodrama and music. Whether Miller's transformation makes the opera more telling remains a

moot point - betrayal and double-crossing is after all the everyday expectation in this set-up - but I had not realized from previous reports quite how tellingly designed the show is by Patrick Robertson and Rosemary Vercoe and how well lit in this revival by Roger Firth.

New to the cast is Helen Field, a Gilda from Opera North making her debut here, though one could not have guessed that from the way her tiny, frail figure fits like a glove into every scene; the fine, warm voice may not yet be perfectly controlled but every note is clearly through and her ensemble with the Duke and Rigoletto had a rare unanimity of purpose.

Sean Keat's Sparafucile makes a less potent impression than he should, though it is soundly sung; Shelagh Squires' Giovanna, also new to the cast, has yet to find a firmness of characterization and voice. But Arthur Davies' "Duke" has the strident voice to match his character (if he can restrain a couple of Michael Palin mannerisms) and John Rawnsley's Rigoletto, a magnificent Miller-inspired portrayal of emotional and physical bitterness, is searing. Mark Elder conducts vigorously, and the orchestra compares favourably (as Ernest Newman once put it) with those of the New York picture houses.

**Nicholas Kenyon**

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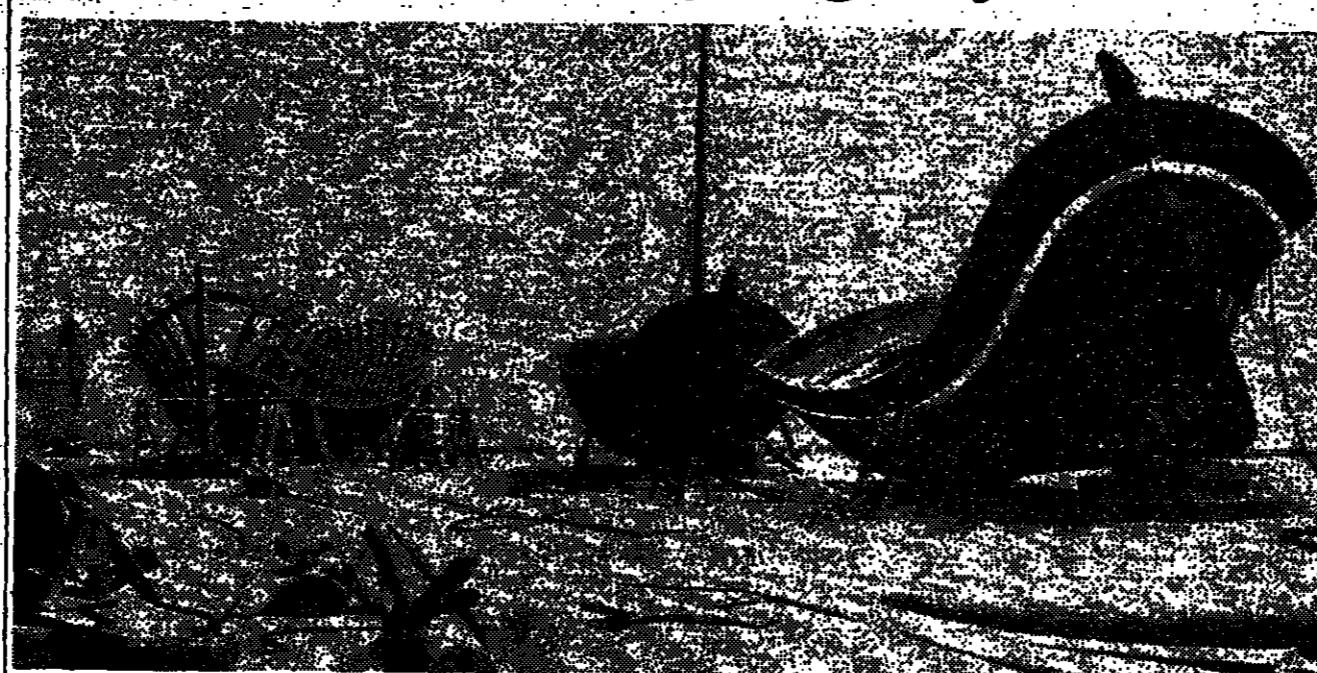
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## Galleries

# Oh for something slightly different



Beaches and the objects normally found on them - "Shipbuilding at Peniche" (1948 - section)

**A Timeless Journey:**  
Tristram Hillier, RA  
Royal Academy

Most cinema films are diminished by being seen on television, but a few are, surprisingly, improved. In much the same way, most paintings lose in reproduction, but there are a few which are actually flattened by the process. Those of Dali, for one; but, it would seem, those of Tristram Hillier, a comprehensive collection of whose work is now in the Diploma Galleries of the Royal Academy under the title *A Timeless Journey*.

*Timeless Journey* (until September 18, after which the show goes to Hull and Preston).

Tristram Hillier died earlier this year, at the age of 78. He was always a quiet painter, working over and over a few pet themes: beaches and the objects normally found on them; the English countryside on a sunny day in winter, with bare branches outlined against an eggshell blue sky.

As this memorial show makes clear to us, he hit his stride early on, and never really broke it thereafter. In the very earliest paintings, such as *Nudes in Bedroom* of 1929, we can see the possibility of other lines of

development, faint hint that he might, had he wished, have become Ceri Richards instead. But by the early 1930s he had settled on the hard finish, the crystalline clarity of light which bathes his landscapes and still-lives, and never seemed tempted to modify his technique subsequently. His subject matter did change slightly. At first he went in for obviously bizarre juxtapositions of objects which made his surrealistic affiliations evident, but later the surrealistic side of the content was submerged or at least made to seem accidental.

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distinguish a Hillier of the late 1960s from one of the early 1930s. This does undoubtedly give a certain air of sameness to the whole show; one comes to look for something slightly different. And yet, with the recent Algernon Newton show, for example, where just the same strictures ought to have applied, Newton's minor variations on the same stucco-in-the-sunset views always retained their magic. There is astonishingly little magic in Hillier: the deliberately cut-and-dried manner all too often produces a rather flat, prosaic result.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

RECENT ISSUES		Price
America Gold	100 Ord (115)	136
Abaco Marine Fonds	100 Ord	136
Electronics 100 Ord (95)	150	150
CPI Computer 100 Ord (95)	121	121
Orca Corp 100 Ord	170.4	170.4
DIFCS Holdings 50 Ord (*)	245	245
Gen Csch 100 Ord (103)	129	129
Gen Elec 100 Ord (103)	129	129
Gilbarco 100 Ord (175)	158	158
Mausoleum Fund 250 Ord (95)	107	107
Payroll Services 250 Ord (205)	178	178
Realty Income 100 Ord (148)	177	177
SC USA 50/100	120.45	120.45
Southern Beaufort Leasing 100 Ord (85)	90	90
Toronto Corp 100 Ord (100)	83	83
Transair Corp 100 Ord (100)	89	89
Tunstall Telecom 50 Ord (*)	178	178
Union Leasing 200 Ord (*)	163.5	163.5

Prices prior to purchases by United Securities, \* by tender.

1982/83	High	Low	Stock	Int. Gross	only	Red.	Field Yield
BRITISH FUNDS							
SPORTS							
1982/83	100.12	99.95	Exch 125.4	100.0	11.400	9.882	
1982/83	99.95	99.85	Exch 115.4	100.0	10.800	9.765	
1982/83	99.85	99.75	Fund 155.4	99.5	5.977	8.812	
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## Commoners who are Lords-in-waiting

From bankers to blacksmiths, carpenters to commuters, village cricket is the great leveller. John Parker visits Troon for the semi-final of a national contest with the prize a ticket to Lord's

Troon. Sixteen hundred souls housed in rows of little granite cottages built a century and more ago for the tin miners of Cornwall. Now there is 19 per cent unemployment typified by the derelict pitheads dotting the treeless landscape; but they have been inactive since the depression of the 1920s and kept so by the politicians and the microchip revolution. A church. A pub. And a cricket club.

Langleybury. A hamlet set in the lush Hertfordshire countryside just 23 miles from Charing Cross. Commonerland. Two hundred people live here, collected around a crossroads, a church, a pub. And a cricket club.

I don't suppose either village would have known where to find the other on an Ordnance Survey map until a couple of weeks ago. But last Sunday Langleybury gathered its cricket bags and supporters and decamped by air, coach, train and car some 340 miles to Cornwall for the semi-final round of the Whitbread National Village Cricket championships. Far away the Yorkshire village of Sessay was preparing in like manner to do battle with the invaders from Quarndon in Derbyshire.

The prize: the cricketer's dream, a place in the final at Lord's on Sunday, August 23. Troon have made the trek there three times since the competition began 11 years ago, and have come away winners each time. Langleybury have been close – losing semi-finalists three times already and now giving it a fourth go.

The two teams have never met, but Troon, for all their experience, are worried. They don't think the omens are good. They have had an easy run through the seven matches of the competition so far, but they don't think they are quite the force they used to be.

Never mind, it's only a game, isn't it? as Gerald Penberthy, the Troon chairman, says to Dick White, the club treasurer. But his dark eyes tell you he



doesn't mean it, and that to Troon – and to thousands of other villages across the country – the game is a religion. On the way up to the trim field held from the impressive clubhouse he tells the story: how the club was founded in 1875, its early successes drawing enthusiastic support from the villagers; how all the team, except one, came back from the 1914-18 trenches; how the club became socially and psychologically vital to the village through the slump of the 1920s and the 1930s, rescuing people on their Saturday afternoons from the misery of everyday life on the dole, and how it is performing the same service nowadays.

"How much would you say this clubhouse is worth?" he asks, pointing to the long, low building with its two bars, lounge and snooker room; comfortably, almost luxuriously, furnished. "Thirty, forty thousand?" his eyes flash again. "It cost us under 26,000. We did all the work ourselves. A local farmer gave us the land on condition we built within five years and included a proper snooker room. The old village room was falling to bits. We raised the cash and did it all well within the time. Then we used the profits from the bar to build the new pavilion; and the last thing we did was to put up the new scoreboard."

The scoreboard is indeed imposing, one which many a county ground would be proud of, and it is an object of interest to the Langleybury supporters already ringing the playing area with their cameras and pinching on the soft, brownning grass. "Very professional," says a lady disapprovingly. "Professional" is the above word, and the Langleybury advance guard has already found out that two of Troon's leading players are

banned from the competition because they have played Minor Counties cricket. Most suspicious.

Gerald Penberthy is more concerned that the "programmes" – team lists – haven't arrived. They cannot charge an entry fee to the ground on Sundays, any more than they can at Lord's, but possession of a programme at 50p a time is supposed to get round that little legal difficulty. But it is only 10 o'clock, and there are a couple of hundred people who have not yet been separated from their 50s.

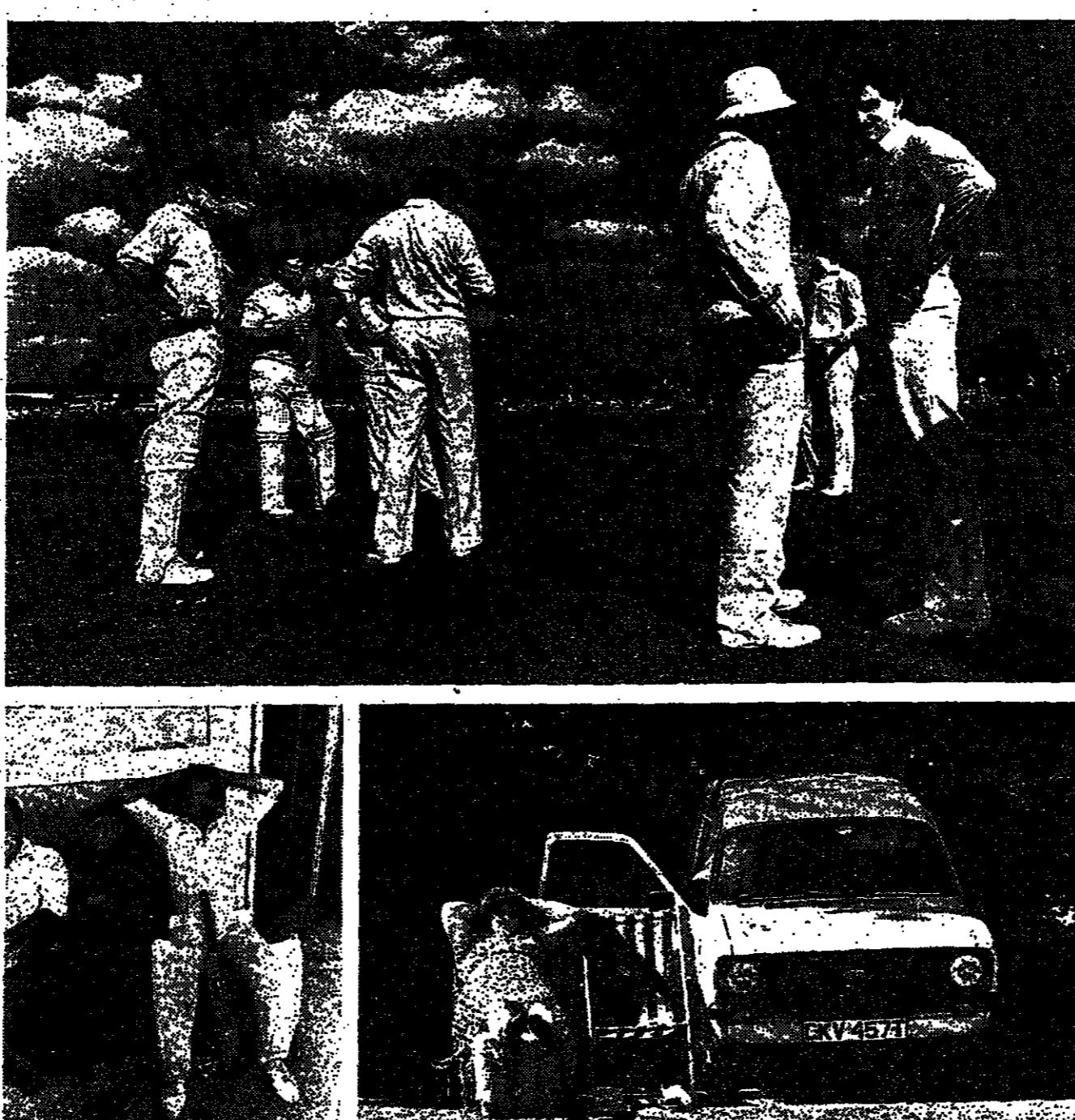
By 11 o'clock the Troon clubhouse is filling up, and the village is alive with Langleybury supporters of all ages, some sporting Watford Football Club T-shirts. Home counties twang mingles with the slow western burr, the beer flows and the boasting grows bolder. At 12.44 pm precisely the big coach rolls in carrying the visiting team and officials. They have flown from Luton to Newquay courtesy of the sponsors, and look menacingly refreshed by their picnic lunch on the beach.

By now the crowd is more than a thousand and swelling all the time as Troon's followers arrive from distant villages.

There is a buzz of excitement as the teams come out for their pre-match warm-up. Langleybury look big, blond and professional as they flip catches to each other. Troon's black curly sticks and swarthy skins signal the contrast. Langleybury's team consists of quantity surveyors, managers of sports shops, builders and accountants; Troon's contains engineers, potters, fitters and turners, a driving instructor, a farmer and a carpenter. On both sides ages range from 17 to the mid-forties.

Terry Carter, Troon's skipper and veteran of three Lord's finals, wins the toss and elects to bat. In the third over he gets a lifting ball from Shaun Palmer, Langleybury's quickie, swings wildly at it and is well caught behind the wicket off his gloves. Nine for one soon becomes 13 for two as the Langleybury bowlers turn the screw. Bryan Carter, Terry's brother and "the best bat in Cornwall", spoons a "grammatical catch" to young Paul Trussell at mid-wicket. Troon gloom is deepened by Langleybury enthusiasm. Both their key batsmen out for one run run between them. Disaster.

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### Weeding out the village greens

The National Village Cricket championship had been organized by *The Cricketer* magazine since 1972. The first sponsor was Haig Whisky, who promised a three-year run and stayed for six. Then Haig moved up-market to the club championship and Whitbread took over the sponsorship with equivalent success. It has run ever since.

This year's S70 village clubs paid the £10.50 entrance fee and the long trek to Lord's began late in April. The championship is organized by Findlay Rae, a retired civil servant whose love of cricket is exceeded only by his patience and ingenuity in bending his own rules to meet unexpected situations.

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bowt one ball at three stumps, the most hits winning the game. But Findlay Rae turns a blind eye to the teams who settle matters over darts or even skittles, in the pub.

His favourite story is of the letter he received from a club secretary, responding to a complaint that one of his team was not eligible for the competition as he had not turned out for the requisite number of times for the club.

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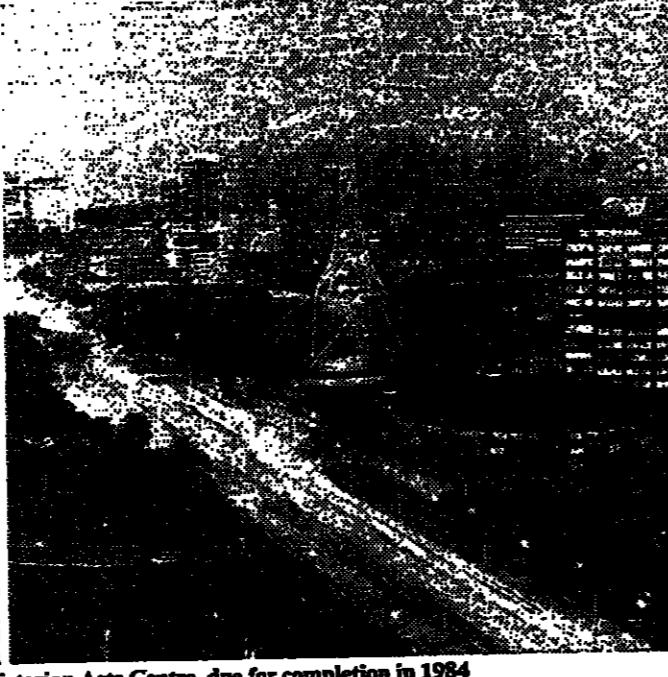
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Teeming traffic: Melbourne's Collins Street and the Victorian Arts Centre, due for completion in 1984



Dreams: Australia's aborigines

forest, on the other side of a dried-out swamp, Eric showed me a lost road. The trees stood more thinly here, and in the earth I could see plainly the ruts of wheelmarks slightly sunken in the track.

Here was the road that the Cobb-coaches used to pound along on the journey between Melbourne and Adelaide. It was a strangely stirring sight. It needed very little work to conjure up the sounds of furious action, the cursing and whipping, the sweating horses, the squeak and rattle of harness.

Sitting on the verandah after breakfast, enjoying the little flocks of cockatoos and crimson rosellas, the grey and pink galah parrots and such familiar birds as magpies and sparrows, I felt I wouldn't have objected to staying on for a year or so - as a guest, that is. I couldn't manage the chores, for despite the benefits that electricity pours into the countryside the life is strenuous.

Eric was taking it easy - he had just finished chopping logs and was hoing the vegetable garden - but I don't recall that I ever saw him or Eric doing just nothing. And it would not be enough to be willing, you had to be able to change a tire, replace a washer, clean a spark plug, administer first aid, and a hundred things beside. The aromatic wood that burned at night in the sitting room, and fed the modern woodburning stove that Eric kept going because she liked the smell, came free from the gum trees, but it had to be picked up, carted home, left to dry for a year, and chopped up.

After dinner we went into the sitting room where Eric showed us a collection of clay pipes found in the bottom of an old sheepwash, and played a couple of cylinders on a 1903 Edison Bell photograph of Harry Lauder singing "Tipperary" and "Beautiful Sunday".

But this burst of inaction did not suit Eric. He took me out in his truck and towed along the road with a powerful torch plugged into the cigarette lighter to show me the night creatures, the kangaroos and lizards.

In the morning he drove me along a forest track to the fire lookout point on Mount Bepcha, from which you can see

clearly how little of the forest has been cleared compared to the expanse that remains, though the cleared paddocks, as they call them, are the size of golf courses. Today bulldozers pulling trees like teeth clear a patch in a few days.

The Barbers' forebears took years, sawing each tree to stumps level and lighting a fire round the stump.

The wildlife remains abundant. We put up several groups of kangaroo and emu. Eric chased them over the plain, roaring with laughter as though the sight was as fresh to him as to me. The kangaroos bounded surreally like animals from a dream. The emus raced along with necks stretched and vestigial wings pressed to their sides, looking comically like old ladies running for the bus with a shopping bag under each elbow.

It is by way of being a historic house, preserved and restored by the Barbers and the National Trust as an exceptional example of the kind of house a grazier would build once he felt securely settled. The architecture is as Australian as the trees.

A wide verandah runs right round it. Iron columns help to support the roof. They say that even in summer, when the temperature outside is over a hundred, it remains a cool and comfortable 74 degrees in these spacious, high-ceilinged rooms.

Merinos, mutton and chores by the acre

Climate dictates the differences between a sheep station in Australia and New Zealand. With their annual 20in rainfall my New Zealand friends the Symes ran 1,250 sheep on 3,000 acres. The Barbers' 12,000 had just supported their 4,000 sheep during the drought that struck Victoria last summer, though they had had to bring in fodder by truck. They had just celebrated the first rain for 11 months, a fine drenching of 2 1/2 in that had already given the earth the beginnings of fresh growth. So while the Symes' place was as green and neat as a corner of the Isle of Wight, the Barbers' colours were pale greens and the browns of the original forest.

I stopped at a cafe to ask a "bikie" (Australian for motorcyclist), his leather outfit stiff with studs and CND badges, which route he recommended. He replied: "it doesn't matter, they'll both be closed in in a shop window."

So I took the upper road through Richmond and Windsor, and it was as he said. All I saw of the Blue Mountains was dripping trees along the roadside and beyond that, a wall of grey. This was, I was told, typical of the region in autumn.

I joined the stream of cars, full of disappointed families, driving back to Sydney in the rain, through the suburbs that sound so English - Hornsby, Ealing, Chatswood. In the morning, Sydney was itself again. I drove into the city and across the Harbour Bridge (with a tremendous inward glisten) on one of those glorious blue days that make Sydney the most beautiful city in the world.

Peter Black

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## IN THE OUTBACK

## Life on the opal trail

Most of us dream of living somewhere free of petty rules and regulations, somewhere you don't have to deal with bureaucrats if you want to build a house or start a business. A place where you can try to get rich quick and defy the odds by gambling on anything from premium bonds to football pools.

At Lightning Ridge in the Australian outback both these dreams can come true. About 400 miles from Sydney, the ridge is a community of drifters and dreamers who come in search of wealth, and to discover an escape route from many of the pressures of the twentieth century.

It is by no means an idyll, resembling a sun-parched, glaring moonscape more than a Garden of Eden. But it is the only place in the world where black opals have been discovered. The stones can be as valuable as gem-quality diamonds, but a great deal harder to find.

The technical difficulties in finding them and getting them out of the ground have meant that big international mining interests have never become involved. The field has remained open to independent prospectors who have been tramping Australia for the last 200 years.

Lightning Ridge is bad grazing land, where sheep only venture in times of extreme drought, so land owners are quite happy to encourage miners to explore beneath the earth. All they have to do is put down a \$Aus50 (about £30) deposit (returnable when they leave the site safe and tidy), and pay a \$Aus12.50 annual registration fee for the mining rights to an area 50 metres square. Each person is allowed two claims, and most serious miners



Grin and bear it: Some strike lucky, others live on hope and kangaroo stew

work one claim and build a house on the other.

The township has grown to cater for miners and is largely populated by those few who have struck it rich and built themselves comfortable, if incongruous, suburban villas, and those who have given up the unequal struggle and settled for motels and shops, or making pottery from opal clay.

"Some men here have become millionaires with 10 minutes work," Dave Martin, an old prospector, explains. He has been working Lightning Ridge himself for 16 years, but now spends more time showing visitors around and recalling the area's history between beers. "Others never find anything and live all their lives on hope and kangaroo stew."

Artist Paul Bird lives in a substantial house on a claim, supplementing his income by painting local scenes. To make life more bearable for his wife and child he has dug an underground room beneath the house, where the temperature remains comfortable while the outside goes up over 120°F.

Life in the caravans, and shacks around the holes is not comfortable. In town, water is brought up from artesian wells. It is always hot and foul-smelling, but fit to drink and shower in. Out of town, prospectors survive with modest storage tanks and generators, building haphazard privies over cracks in the ground. When they are not underground or asleep, many of the men drink quantities of beer.

In the public bar there are rows of one-armed bandits cashing in on the local taste for gambling, while in the main hall, where "reasonable standards of dress" are required, most of the town turns out weekly for giant raffles in which nearly everyone wins something while sitting around trestle tables drinking and yarning.

On the surface the claims seem deserted and silent. There is no telling how many miners are bivouacking beneath the surface, or how many are dozing in apparently abandoned cars and caravans.

Most men work in partnerships because if a miner has an accident underground it is possible his absence will not be noticed for weeks. A miner who strikes lucky also needs help guarding his hole against the "ratbags" or "ratties". They are

the men who do not respect the moral codes of frontier land, and nip down other men's holes in the night to steal their hard-won prizes.

Good finds are shrouded in secrecy, allowing rumours to grow into local myths which no one can verify. Attempts have been made to set up an unbiased body of values to act

between miners and the buyers, but the miners are wary of anything which might attract the attentions of bureaucrats and taxmen. Many prefer to do their selling from pocket to pocket in the bars. The dealers come out from the city and spend time in the motels, listening to the rumours and drinking in the bars. They often get bargains by offering cash to miners with hungry families.

At one time open-cast mining was allowed, but the damage to the environment was too great. Now contractors bore holes up to 20ft deep, and miners descend on rickety ladders to chip away with hand tools.

Holiday fossickers from the cities are the other sources of income for the town. They come out to camp or stay in the motels, and hope to recover the cost of their holiday with one lucky find. Some of them even

arrive in coaches, and stay in the new Lightning Ridge Motel, the closest to luxury the town offers.

Locals are pleased to show off their pioneer lifestyle, but at the same time frightened of losing it. Many of them first came to the area as visitors and "fell in love with it". If you didn't fall in love at the first sight you wouldn't be able to stand it for more than a couple of days. Local eccentricity manifests itself in a number of ways. Gwen Jenkins runs an animal orphanage for baby kangaroos whose mothers are killed in road accidents.

Another woman collects cacti and fights a continual battle with an overzealous local government inspector, who is certain she is harbouring species that will sweep the nation in epidemic proportions. Someone else has built a house entirely of bottles, and once a year there is a goat race down the main street, for which wild goats are caught, trained and ridden with gusto.

Local characters like Dave Martin have huge funds of stories, but in between the historic events stretch the long hot, dusty waking hours, when the only thing to do is sink a few more beers, or chip away a few more inches in the cool, clay barrows.

#### Andrew Crofts

To get to Lightning Ridge from Sydney it is advisable to take an organized tour, either by coach or plane and car, with either motel or campsite accommodation.

The internal airline AAT organizes seven-day coach tours for \$Aus45 per person, including

accommodation and meals, with three days in Lightning Ridge.

Air New South Wales will also arrange three-day weekends there, picking you up from Wagstaff airport by car. A long weekend camping

will cost \$Aus125 per person.

A straight return air ticket from Sydney costs around \$Aus200, so it is worth taking a "Fly New South Wales" pass for the same price, which gives unlimited flights within the state for 14 days.

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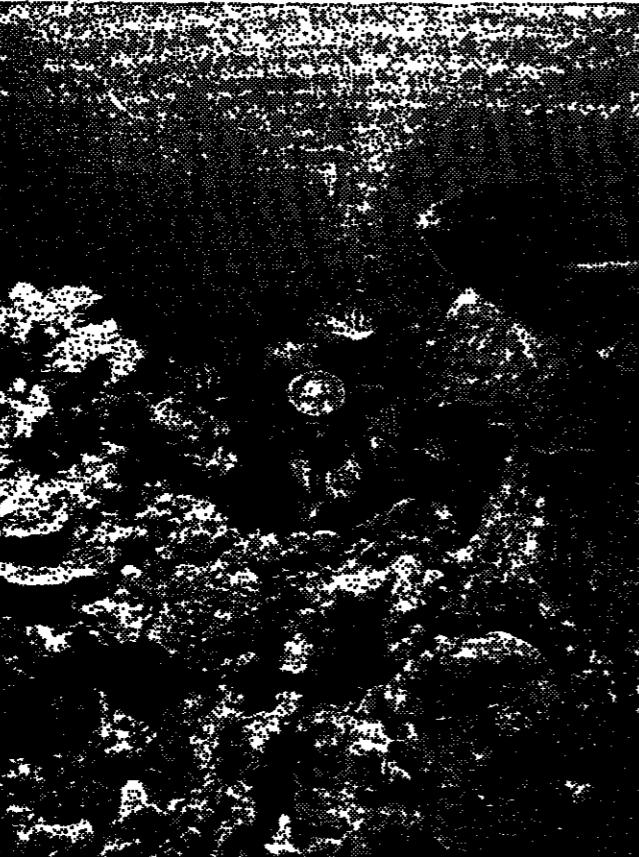
## New worlds down under

First there were the sharks - I must ignore the sharks. Forget all that Jaws rubbish and relax. Don't actually provoke them, mind you, just ignore them and they ignore you. That was the expert advice, but like most divers from cold water countries who first explore the Great Barrier Reef, I found it difficult to accept. Try, I was told, to appreciate them for what they are: streamlined predators of a marvellous efficiency and instinct, a threat to fish but not to humans.

But, I nervously inquired, what about the case of the ship's cook eaten a few days earlier and the crewman mauled to death when a fishing boat overturned? That tragedy was the exception to the rule. It had probably happened because they had fallen into the sea with the catch, the sudden bonus from above that had sent the sharks into a feeding frenzy.

With that thought in mind, and only partly reassured by the experience of Ray Gomersall, our dive master, who had only twice in 10 years been forced out of the water by a "big bite", I finally checked my air supply and harnesses, and rolled backwards over the edge of the boat into the warm Pacific.

The Great Barrier Reef has not been plundered and destroyed by the crown of thorns starfish, a multi-tentacled coral-eater which attacks the reef in locust numbers and reduces it to dead, stripped rock. Areas have been attacked, but many of the divers I met thought the submarine "ecologists" had



Sight-seeing dip: The richest marine life anywhere

perhaps over-reacted to the threat.

There was no sign of sick coral near our group. We did not have to dive deep - 40ft was ample to appreciate a majestic and colourful world. A loggerhead turtle lumbered past en route from nowhere to nowhere, a stingray, sting erect, flapped backwards over the edge of the dive into the deep in panic as we approached.

The reef is probably the richest area for marine life in the world. The Caribbean numbers its species in the hundreds; Australia's amazing reef, the eighth wonder of the world, runs into thousands. When a diver has learnt to relax

and take in the fine details of its surroundings, it is the small things that are most fascinating: not the big biters, but the tiny fish and intricate coral growth.

I glanced upwards to the right and stared straight at the belly of a white-tipped reef shark. A mild panic of bubbles showered from my air demand. The shark was silver and lean with a sinister dark eye - 10ft long, I thought, until I remembered that underwater everything becomes magnified. It was really no more than 3 or 4ft.

Australia is a magnificent place for an adventurous vacation. With a population not much bigger than that of Greater London spread around a land as wide as the Atlantic, it is largely open-air, adventurous ground. The Great Barrier Reef sums up the scale of things, stretching from the Gulf of Papua to Fraser Island, some 1,200 miles long and covering 80,000 square miles. It was first crossed by Captain Cook in the eighteenth century, but remains largely unexplored, submarine territory.

The most spectacular way to arrive is by air. A flock of small amphibious aircraft operate

there is so much to see and do in this vast country that the soundest advice is to take plenty of time to plan. Begin with *Traveler's Guide*, published by the Australian Tourist Commission, 20 Savile Row, London W1, available at most travel agencies. This contains details of tours of the outback, the Great Barrier Reef, wine areas and farm country, by air, rail and coach, and independent trips by car, campervan, rail or coach pass. Domestic air services apart, special

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## REVIEW Video cassettes



Laughing around the clock: Richard Pryor, John Cleese, Billy Connolly, and television's favourite comedy duo, Cannon and Ball

## Comics who stand up to live audience test

The art of performing comedy in front of a live audience has inevitably declined with the growth of television. The television comic has the much easier life. If he fluffs his lines, there can be a retake. If the studio audience (assuming there is one) is unresponsive, laughter can be added later. All is planned and scripted and little can go wrong.

Even when television stars move into live shows – pantomimes and summer seasons – the audience response comes more from a recognition of well-tried TV routines and catch-phrases than through the humour generated by the comedian. Only a few comics today can transcend their small-screen personae.

Billy Connolly has managed to become famous without the benefit of a television show. His talent is that of the raconteur rather than the comic. His stories meander. He finds diversions. Sometimes there is a

punch-line, often the story tails away without a point. He is offensive without being malicious. There is initial shock at his crude vocabulary, layatorial preoccupation, and insistence on bad taste. But these are the trappings, not the essence.

At root, Connolly is a storyteller of, and for, the people. His public is national, and becoming international, but he still speaks to it as if it were homely Scottish.

Connolly is a funny as well as witty performer. His humour is original and unexpected, and he has the facility of being able to speak to a huge audience as if he were chattering to a group of friends in a cellar bar. These tapes, recorded at London stage performances, give a good sample of this art.

Richard Pryor, a black American, has much in common with Connolly, a white Scot, not least in the overwhelming response of his audience and the occasional

hand-picked by Billy (60 mins) Chrysalis, £22.99.

*Martyrs* (76 mins) RCA/Columbia, rental only.

*Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl* (78 mins) Thorn EMI, £25.20.

*A Night Out in London with Cannon and Ball* (60 mins) Home Video Holdings, about £23.

inpenetrability of his accent. His humour, like Connolly's, is founded on adversity, confrontation, and the perception that human relationships and behaviour are fundamentally absurd. Pryor exceeds Connolly in his use of expletives not for family consumption, but they are essential to his conversational style. His subjects are race and sex, in that order, and he is penetratingly funny – and truthful – about both.

Cannon and Ball have inherited Morecambe and Wise's long-held title of television's favourite comedy duo. It is not easy to understand the reason for their phenomenal attraction.

Monty Python is essentially television comedy, which does not transfer well to the stage. Many of Python's most successful episodes are filmed out of doors, and the more intimate sketches, created for the close-up cosiness of the small screen, become lost in a huge auditorium in front of thousands of spectators. The unease is compounded when, as on this tape, the live audience consists of sycophantic yet often uncompromising Californians. The occasional Americanization of Pythonesque references draws hoots of approval, but only debases the comic impact. Python team members perform awkwardly, and they are reduced to using filmed sketches, shown on a large screen, when invention flags.

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Their act is highly professional, and they perform with assurance, timing and a mutual confidence that comes only to couples who have struggled together for a long time. But there is little that is subtle, either in content or performance.

Billy is the little vulnerable fella, the fumbling innocent endearingly out of his depth, frustrating his smooth partner's every routine. He is the eternal child, veering from malicious tantrum-throwing aggression to pathetic (and successful) pleading for the audience's sympathy.

It is an unblushingly old-fashioned creation. The frequently second-rate material is redeemed by moments of great inventiveness and zany humour. They have, too, an exceptional rapport with their audience, which goes much further than mere appreciation of their television personae.

Marcel Berlins

## Providing holiday animation

If the summer holidays are proving a drag, video could come to the rescue. There is certainly no shortage of tapes for children and the quality is often surprisingly high. What follows is merely a small selection of the more recent issues.

As with videos generally, these children's programmes will mostly be rented, rather than bought, but some of them are priced keenly enough to tempt purchase. After all, children, unlike adults, are quite happy to see the same things over and over again; and a video show can be a popular party item.

For a start, I can recommend a series put out by VCL under the title "Cartoon Carousel". They are animated versions, each lasting around 45 minutes, of such classic stories as *Robinson Crusoe* and *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. Tastefully and entertainingly done, they retail at around £25.

Ten Walt Disney feature films are being released on the company's video label this autumn. The most popular could be the recent *Tron*, dealing with the world of computers and video games, retail at around £25.

and the now classic *Mary Poppins*, which made a star of Julie Andrews. There are also adventure stories, like *The Incredible Journey* and *Night Crossing*; and *Candleshoe*, with one of the best of David Niven's later performances. None of these films, incidentally, has been screened on television, which strengthens the case for their video issue.

One of the longest video programmes yet produced for children is volume two of the *Bumper Fun Video Annual* from Kidivid. Volume one was released last December for Christmas and this one is timed for the summer holidays, but the material is not specially seasonal. Aimed at eight to ten-year-olds, the tape runs for three hours and follows the format of the printed children's comic with such heroes as Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Superman, Flash Gordon and Laurel and Hardy. And all for around £25.

Peter Waymark

There is news this month of a video company formed for the admirable purpose of releasing those specialist "art" films that win the critical plaudits and play for a couple of weeks but hardly surface again.

The only drawback to Captain Video's plans may be finding enough dealers willing to stock the tapes, particularly outside London; but the enterprise is to be applauded. Its first two titles are Pontecorvo's *Battle of Algiers*, from 1965, and Karoly Mark's study of a lesbian relationship *Another Way*, which had its cinema release in Britain this year.

If Captain is dedicated to providing the pick of cinema, another new company, Golden Turkey Video, is hoping to make its mark by putting out films whose very badness is the reason for seeing them. It has acquired the British video rights to 42 titles, claimed to be among the world's worst.

The first four "turkeys", available early in October, are a horror piece, *Plan Nine From Outer Space*; another from the same director, Edward D. Wood, called *Glen or Glenda* and starring Wood himself as a

## New releases

transvestite; *The Terror of Tiny Town*, a Western with an all-midget cast; and *Horrors of Party Beach*.

Turning to more conventional fare, Thorn EMI's latest crop ranges from Michael Palin's recent *The Missionary* to a little seen Samuel Fuller thriller made in Germany, *Dead Pigeon on Beethoven Street*, and the 1946 French classic from the Carné-Prévost team, *Les Portes de la Nuit*.

Another Thorn EMI announcement is that it is re-releasing Sam Peckinpah's trucking picture, *Convoy*, at a recommended retail price of below £20. The company is trying to discover thereby whether there is a buyers' as distinct from a rental, market for recent feature films.

In the latest Warner Home Video list is another Peckinpah film, *The Killer Elite*, the tenth James Bond picture, *The Spy Who Loves Me*; Ken Russell's fanciful biography of Tchaikovsky, *The Music Lovers*; and James Stewart in the *FBI Story*. Most intriguing, though,

is a film which had a very limited cinema release, *An Enemy of the People*, an unlikely combination of Ibsen and Steve McQueen.

Palace Video is issuing Fassbinder's last film, *Querelle*, almost simultaneously with its British cinema opening, and a Japanese picture, *Oni Baba*, directed by Kaneto Shindo.

Represented in the new Rank releases are three schools of British film comedy: *Will Hay* in the 1937 *Good Morning Boys*, Peter Sellers and Terry Thomas in *The Naked Truth* and Kenneth Williams and company in *Carry On England*.

Rank is also putting out a 196 minute film, directed by Paul Czernin and first released in 1961, of *Der Rosenkavalier*, a Salzburg Festival production with the Vienna Philharmonic under von Karajan and Elizabeth Schwarzkopf. The slim list of opera tapes is further boosted by Verdi's *Ernani*, with Plácido Domingo, from Longman Video, and the same company has the first of a planned series of ballet titles, *The Sleeping Beauty*, by the Kirov.

P.W.

## Collecting

### Kitchen treasure's local accent

"I don't imagine there'll be much to concern you in the kitchen", said the owner. "It's a dreadful hotchpotch of art and technology – except for an old dresser, left to my husband by his Welsh grandmother. Probably not much good, but it had better appeal in the inventory, just to satisfy him."

"There is much to be said for Welsh grandmothers", purred the valuer when brought face to face with the object, "especially when they bequeath family heirlooms of this quality. Did the old lady have from Glamorgan?"

"Are you psychic? Or can you really pinpoint the area where a piece of furniture was made?"

"Quite often, yes, particularly if it's what is called vernacular, the indigenous product of a fairly well defined region. It's like language, or dialect. An expert can detect a local accent, just as you might spot it in speech."

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"My husband's grandmother was pretty peculiar herself. But are dressers peculiar to Wales? People always talk about 'Welsh dressers'. When they're made anywhere else?"

"Oh yes. Almost every part of Europe and North America made them in one form or another. But the Welsh seem to have been particularly devoted to them, and went on making them as parlour pieces and preserving them as status symbols long after they had been relegated to the kitchens in more sophisticated circles."

"I don't think I like being called a sophisticated circle and accused of relegating the poor thing. It makes it sound like one of those pathetic little football teams. Do you think it ought to be promoted?"

"Well, it is an exceptionally good example of the late-eighteenth-century south Wales type, with nearly all the features

considered most desirable. That doesn't mean that a dresser has to boast all of them to be either genuine or worthwhile, but each adds quite a bit to its value."

"You mean it's worth real money. My feeling for folk culture is increasing by the minute. Please explain."

"To begin with, it's mainly oak, not pine – although the drawer-linings and the shelves are pine – and it's a good rich, dark colour. The rack of shelves has shaped ends, tapering towards the base into 'shoes', or supports, with a nice bold curve to them. And the rack is the original one – not, as is so often the case, a made-up replacement. At the bottom of it, between the shoes, is a row of little spice-drawers."

"The Welsh must have been awfully keen on spices to have a whole row of drawers to accommodate them."

"In practice, I think they used to contain bits of string and unpaid bills. Now we come to the base. One as good as this, these days, is highly prized as a serving table, even if the rack has gone missing."

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considered most desirable. That doesn't mean that a dresser has to boast all of them to be either genuine or worthwhile, but each adds quite a bit to its value."

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## PREVIEW Films

## Conflict between internal gods

*Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence*, a Japanese-British production directed by Nagisa Oshima, offers a wide variety of cultural shocks. For British audiences, there is the spectacle of David Bowie solemnly declaring "I am a soldier with His Majesty's Army" and singing "Rock of Ages" very badly.

Japanese audiences have further surprises in store. The samurai commandant at the Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in 1942 is played by one of their biggest pop stars, Ryuichi Sakamoto (also responsible for the seductive soundtrack music). Takeshi - a renowned comic - appears without jokes as a brutal sergeant. The only main actor with his familiar image intact is Tom Conti, cast as the intellectual Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence.

The sense of dislocation revealed by such casting is crucial to Oshima's purpose in adapting Sir Laurence van der Post's novel *The Seed and the Sower* he was determined to get beyond stereotypes. As he

worked on the script in 1981, he told one interviewer that the film's chief battle would be internal: "a conflict between the gods inside the British soldiers and the gods inside the Japanese soldiers". The Japanese have their strict codes of honour; the prisoners are variously propelled by unthinking belligerence or, in the case of Bowie's major, private memories of past betrayals. The conflicts were shot at a cost of some \$6m in Rurutoga, in the Cook Islands. Anckland, New Zealand, provided the bizarre flashback in Bowie's childhood.

Thematically, Oshima remained on home territory. Violence, death, love, honour, the effect of history and social systems on the individual: all have governed Oshima's work since he struck out as an independent director with films like *Death by Hanging* (1968), *Diary of a Skunk Thief* (1968), and *The Ceremony* (1971). With *In the Realm of the Senses* (1976) and *Empire of Passion* (1978), co-produced

with Bruno Ganz, moved into the international arena.



Geoff Brown

*Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence* begins its commercial run in London on Thurs at the Camden Plaza and ABC cinemas in Shaftesbury Avenue, Fulham Road and Bayswater Road. The film also opens the Edinburgh Film Festival (tonight, at the Playhouse). On Wed, Oshima gives a Guardian Lecture at the National Film Theatre, London. Retrospective seasons of Oshima's films begin at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow and at the National Film Theatre on Sept 1.

## Critics' choice

## BUSTER KEATON SEASON

Barbican Cinema One (020 6755)

until Aug 31

Seven films this week by the silent cinema's nimblest clown: *The Navigator*, brilliantly set on a marooned ship (today, tomorrow); the highly imaginative *Sherlock Jr* (today, Wed); *Steamboat Bill Jr.*, with its astonishing cyclone (Mon, Fri); *College* (Wed); *Go West* and *The General* (Fri). Only *Battling Butler* (Mon, Tues) disappoints. The excellent Richard McLaughlin provides piano accompaniment on Thurs, Fri and Sat.

DIAL M FOR MURDER (PG) CINEMA Cinema, The Mall (030 3647) until Sept 7 (closed Mon)

Seen without the original 3D effects, Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film of Frederick Knott's cosy conventional thriller is a frosty piece of cinema. The 3D version (never before released in Britain) transforms the film into an absorbing, audacious game with objects, people and space. Ray Milland plays the tennis pro with murderous intentions towards his wife (Grace Kelly). Also featured: a pair of scissors, various latchkeys and, of course, a telephone.

FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15) Camden Plaza (085 2443) until Wed

Ingmar Bergman's amazing evocation of life, joys and tears, studded with exceptional opulence, beauty and lightheartedness. Traditional Bergman themes are deftly woven into the mixed fortunes of a Swedish family early in the century. Masterful, loving performances.

## LE JOUR SE LEVE (15)

Academy 3, Oxford Street (037 8819)

Jean Gabin as a besieged murderer going through his last hours. A welcome revival of French fatalism, written by Jacques Prévert and directed by Marcel Carné in 1938; with Jules Berry and Arletty.

## THE KING OF COMEDY (PG)

Cinéaste, Pantson Street (030 0631)

A comedy only on the surface: deep down, Martin Scorsese's striking film offers a bleak, low-key examination of desperate people trapped in fantasies. Jerry Lewis gives a remarkable, sour performance as a TV star kidnapped by an ambitious fan; Robert de Niro and newcomer Sandra Bernhard are hardly less impressive.

## OCTOPUSSY (15)

Classic Cinema (032 5096)

Empire Leicester Square (437 1224)

Odeon Kensington (030 6844)

Odeon Marble Arch (723 20112)

The Bond films have proved their point by selling a billion tickets. Although it is hard nowadays to stay ahead of real-life technology, Bond's flying jeeps, fountain-pen lasers and other toys are still the products of strip-cartoon magic. In the latest episode the essence remains the same, as does the casting of Bond (a now more cautiously dashing Roger Moore), Miss Money Penny (Lois Maxwell) and old Q (Desmond Llewelyn). John Glen directs.

## ONE FROM THE HEART (15)

Lumière, St Martin's Lane (030 0681) until Aug 31

Jean Gabin as a besieged murderer going through his last hours. A welcome revival of French fatalism, written by Jacques Prévert and directed by Marcel Carné in 1938; with Jules Berry and Arletty.

## PAULINE AT THE BEACH (15)

Academy 2, Oxford Street (037 5129)

Eric Rohmer's latest conversational trifl about young love, peopled with annoying characters (Amanda Langford's Pauline is the chief exception). The scenery, though, suits the season perfectly: when the waves and sea breeze start rolling in, you feel like diving into the screen.

## THE PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (15)

Classic Cinema (032 5096)

Gen Bloomsbury (037 1177/8402)

Striking cinematic debut by stage and TV director Richard Eyre: a subtle portrait of post-Fallards Britain, built around a radio journalist with shady motives. Ian McEwan's intelligent script is bolstered by fine location photography.

## RETURN OF THE JEDI (U)

Classic Cinema (032 5096)

Classic Tottenham Court Road (361 6148)

Leicester Square Theatre (030 5252)

Odeon Kensington (030 6844)

Studio, Oxford Circus (437 3300)

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**Letter****Defending safeguards for the investor**

From Mr A. V. Alexander

Sir, Your editorial of August 13 suggests that the "important safeguards" provided by the Insurance Brokers Registration Act, to which I referred in the British Insurance Brokers' Association's annual report, should be treated with derision.

The sole reason given for this opinion is that you state that there is no effective "compensation fund". May I use the hospitality of your column to remind your readers of a few facts:

• Prior to December 1, 1981, it was open to anyone to style themselves an insurance broker. They needed no qualifications of any kind, were subject to no code of conduct, had to meet no standards of financial or professional competence and did not have to be backed by professional indemnity insurance.

Regrettably, under the present legislation it remains the case today that anyone may legally perform all the functions of an insurance intermediary and escape entirely from the disciplines of the Insurance Brokers Registration Act provided they do not use the description "insurance broker".

• The Act requires all registered insurance brokers to abide by a code of conduct and to be subject to the jurisdiction of a disciplinary committee of the Insurance Brokers Registration Council.

They are also required to satisfy the following criteria namely that they: meet the qualifications laid down in the Act; have adequate working capital; maintain an excess of assets over liabilities; regularly submit their business accounts to the Council; place their business among a spread of insurers; maintain separate insurance broking accounts; maintain insurance against professional negligence.

I suggest that these are indeed important safeguards, especially when compared with the situation which existed prior to the Registration Act and which still exists with regard to non-registered intermediaries.

Furthermore, the Registration Council, which I must point out is the disciplinary body for insurance brokers - not the British Insurance Brokers' Association - does indeed have a grant scheme. It is entirely normal for any such scheme to exist for the benefit of those who have been unable to obtain redress through normal legal processes.

The Signal Life case is currently sub judice and it may well be that policyholders will obtain their redress through the courts. Should they fail to do so, it will be open to the Registration Council to consider whether the grants scheme can properly be invoked.

Yours faithfully,  
A. V. ALEXANDER, Chairman,  
British Insurance Brokers'  
Association,  
Fountain House,  
130 Fenchurch Street,  
EC3

**New roll-up fund**

Yet another currency roll-up fund is available - this time from Manufacturers Hanover Group, whose Geofund International Reserves offers investments in sterling, the Deutsche mark, yen, Swiss francs and US dollars.

There is also a managed fund for those who prefer not to make their own currency decisions.

Investors earn money-market rates of interest on their investments. Because interest is rolled-up and not distributed, the "profit" is taxed as a capital gain rather than income.

It is also possible to switch between currencies quickly and easily without charge.

The annual management charge on the new Geofund is 0.75 per cent and there is no front-end charge. The fee on the managed fund is 1.5 per cent a year.

**Help for travellers**

From this week, members of Nationwide Building Society have been able to buy their travel cheques and foreign currency over the counter in 515 Nationwide branches.

In a link-up with Thomas Cook, Nationwide is offering sterling travellers' cheques on demand, with the US dollar, Deutsche mark, French franc and Canadian dollar travellers' cheques obtainable on two to three days' notice. Twelve major currencies will be available.

But this new service will not save the customer any money. Unlike London Permanent and several other societies which offer commission-free sterling travellers' cheques, Nationwide is charging the full 1 per cent commission - the same as the banks.

claims on maturity or death. From September 1, the following percentage additions will apply:

Term	Percentage Addition
10 years	30.0%
15 years	44.5%
25 years	63.5%

The above rates also apply to the Home Purchaser policy and for Flexipension or individual superannuation policies, the terminal bonus addition is 57% (previously 50%) of reversionary bonuses payable at maturity.

**Making a million**

"Making a million dollars is the simplest thing in the world," according to Mr Jerry Gillies, the American author of the best-seller *How to Make Millions*. And he should know, since he has made twice over with "Moneyseminars" seminars where he proclaims his "prosperity consciousness" philosophy for a fee of £125.

Three things are required to become wealthy, according to Mr Gillies - a clear vision of what you want, a belief that you will get it and practical skills to put that belief into action. "Everyone should enjoy getting rich," he says.

The programme for the seminars includes such unlikely subjects as the power of music as a learning tool. "The training will not be hard work, but constructive fun. Like money, it is not to be feared but enjoyed," he says.



Work are two further titles in this somewhat depressing series. The titles, numbered 1041, 43 and 42 respectively, are available free of charge from PAYE enquiry offices or local tax offices.

**No cheques returned**

Williams & Glyn's Bank has upset at least one of its customers who failed to complain of the deterioration in service. From October 1, customers will no longer have their cheques returned to them.

Williams & Glyn's was the last of the main clearing banks to offer this facility and it claims there is insufficient demand to justify its continuance.

"Our market research shows that the great majority of customers do not require it," explained the general manager, Mr Christopher Hock. "It costs us a lot to provide a service which customers really don't appreciate."

and jewellery are fully covered and claims are settled on a new-for-old basis, except for clothing and household items. Money and credit cards are insured for up to £500 of currency loss and £250 for each cash or credit card misused. Cover costs £4.90 per £1,000 insured in the lowest rate area and £9.00 per £1,000 in London. There is an additional flat policy charge of £3.50.

**Divers premium cut**

Professional divers can look forward to a substantial reduction in life assurance premiums, according to SwissRe, the insurance firm which has conducted a study of diving hazards.

Annual premium as much as £200 lower on a £50,000 life policy for a professional diver in the North Sea is a typical example.

The average amateur or sports diver will usually get life assurance at normal rates and will only be charged more than the average for accidental death benefit and disability cover, says SwissRe.

In 1976 professional divers had the highest death rate of all industrial occupations - 7 per cent compared with 0.247 per cent for the next highest, miners.

The reasons for the improvement, says SwissRe, are greater experience, the change in the type of work from diving and pipelaying to maintenance, the tougher health and safety regulations and increased medical knowledge and facilities.

**Tax-free investment****Pensions boost for business expansion**

The Government's new business expansion scheme has given an interesting stimulus to company directors and the self-employed who run their own self-administered pension funds.

Messrs John Bevan and Mike Reynolds of James Hay Pension Trustees formed the idea of channelling funds raised by companies from the business expansion scheme, through higher salaries from the directors into the self-administered pension fund.

They found themselves acting as brokers between their clients who were seeking funds under the business expansion scheme and others who were looking to invest.

Generally, they advise clients to increase their salary and invest 50 per cent of the increase in the pension scheme (which can then reinvest either in their own company or in other companies) and 50 per cent direct into other companies. Both types of investment attract tax relief at the investor's top rate.

The result has been a large number of enquiries from clients for projects to invest in.

"Interestingly, we have found that because our clients are self-made men they are prepared to accept far greater risks than established institutions," says Mr John Bevan.

The first such scheme they are putting together involves a City restaurant owner who wishes to start a chain of specialized fish restaurants. These will include the old-fashioned fish and chip counter, extend onto a formal fish restaurant, then onto a champagne and oyster bar.

The owner found that the bank was not interested because there were insufficient assets to back-up the borrowing requirement. Venture capital outfitts



John Bevan (Left) and Mike Reynolds: Advising clients to increase their salaries

wanted the man to put every-thing he owned on the line, including house, car and business, and on top of that wanted a third of the equity and 51 per cent of the voting rights.

"The main problem," Mr Reynolds said, "was that his record was good on ideas and instigation but his money management was abysmal."

So the trustees have worked out a system to maintain a strict control over the financial reins and let the young entrepreneur get on with what he is good at.

"That way," Mr Reynolds added, "he is doing what he does best and we remove the temptation of putting very large amounts of money in the hands of someone not used to dealing with it. We protect our client's money and control the rate of growth to match cash with turnover."

The two men thoroughly check out the credentials of those seeking backing. "We are not put off by a chequered past. Everyone we know who has become successful has learned through making mistakes. But we cannot put pressure on our clients to invest. That is their decision, we just check it out and say, 'look are you interested in this?'" Mr Bevan added.

The response has been excellent. The two trustees feel the Government's scheme is a winner. They claim that clients who have been in business 15 years and have become bored are clambering over each other to find new projects, expand or gear up to seek a quotation. It seems to have put a lot of zest back into those companies employing 10-to-30 people and turning over a million pounds or so, the two claim.

There are a number of benefits to running one's own pension scheme. The fund can lean 50 per cent of its capital back to the company, can buy spare or outstanding shares, can invest in property the company uses such as offices and factories or just invest in property, stocks or bonds.

"Fundamentally," Mr Bevan said, "a self-administered fund enables the businessman to maintain control over his own money."

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**Insurance****Off-the-road premiums to go up**

After holding the cost of premiums for two years, St Christopher Motorists' Security Association is increasing them from September 1.

Three Star plan has increased from £48 to £64, with a maximum benefit of £3,000. Four Star plan goes up from £64 to £75, with a maximum benefit of £4,200, and Five Star plan rises from £125 to £175, with a maximum benefit of £8,500.

St Christopher's managing director, Mr Martin O'Neill, said: "There are two reasons for these increases: one is the rise in costs over the last two years and, secondly we operate SCMSA along prudent insurance lines and we believe the 1981 Transport Act, which introduced the penalty points system to replace the old, ineffective totting-up system, will result in more claims from members."

"Penalty points acquired by motorists in a driving period of three years may not lead to an 18-month disqualification in this period. This will undoubtedly result in more claims from members as a greater volume of cases will be processed by the police."

Contestants in the 16-to-21 age group were invited to put forward ideas for setting up and running their own business. Winning entries include such diverse activities as a marine aquarium company, Caribbean catering, garden gnome manufacturing, snooker cue making, printing, cake making and painting and decorating.

The 20 winning ideas were chosen from more than 200 entries. Part of their "prize" is

**Tax and jobless**

The dead hand of the Inland Revenue leaves no stone unturned in its attempts to ensure that we all cough up.

Even the unemployed, those laid off,

and employees on strike cannot escape the tax man's attentions. Now the Revenue has issued an updated series of leaflets for taxpayers in these categories.

*Income Tax and the Unemployed*

sound like a cruel joke, but since unemployment benefit became taxable it is yet another problem for the out of work. *Income Tax and Strikes* and *Income Tax and Lay-offs and Short-time*

are two further titles in this somewhat depressing series. The titles, numbered 1041, 43 and 42 respectively, are available free of charge from PAYE enquiry offices or local tax offices.

**'Home Extra' policy**

Pointon York, the London and Leicester-based insurance group, has developed a new all-risks "Home-Extra" contents policy. It does not cover claims under £50, unless caused by fire, but pays out on all others in full. Property in the house is covered up to the sum insured. Away from home but in the British Isles, goods are covered for up to £2,500, or up to £500 for each individual item. The same applies abroad for up to 60 days in any one period. Sports equipment, bicycles



Ready for takeoff: Chailey Lambert with the silver models that put him in business

**Start-up schemes****Silversmith's model idea**

Making silver models was the hobby of Mr Chailey Lambert, aged 20, but from now on it will be his full-time job. He is one of 20 winners in the "Head Start in Business" competition run by the Industrial Society in conjunction with the Abbey National Building Society.

Contestants in the 16-to-21 age group were invited to put forward ideas for setting up and running their own business. Winning entries include such diverse activities as a marine aquarium company, Caribbean catering, garden gnome manufacturing, snooker cue making, printing, cake making and painting and decorating.

The 20 winning ideas were chosen from more than 200 entries. Part of their "prize" is

an office for a year, rent and rate free supplied by Abbey National, with free advice from the Industrial Society on how to run the company.

Mr Lambert is a graduate of the Sir John Cass College where he studied gold and silversmithing.

Twice a winner of the Goldsmiths' Crafts Council's Craftsman of the Year Award, he was made redundant from his apprenticeship when his employer went out of business. "I tried to get another silversmithing job but had no luck," he says. A friend commissioned him to make a model of an aircraft in silver and things mushroomed from there.

He is now working on two

silver chess sets for clients. "I can do anything but I like making models. I have enough work to last until the end of November and I am hoping to get some more lined up after that. I want to specialize in trophies and that type of thing."

"I was unemployed for about seven months and tried to get a place on the Government Enterprise Allowance scheme, but unless you have £1,000 to invest in the business they don't want to know. How many people who have been unemployed for 13 weeks will have £1,000?"

He has now been offered a beach in Hatton Garden and believes he is well on the way to running a profitable business.

Lorna Bourke

**How to turn £500 into £2,150 on the Stock Market in just six weeks**

FREE PRIZE DRAW WIN £1000

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## FAMILY MONEY

Regular savers seeking a safe home for their money plus a high rate of return should be looking at building society subscription share accounts, some of which are offering interest rates equivalent to over 12 per cent before tax.

Many of the smaller building societies traditionally offer an extra half per cent or more to investors above the recommended Building Societies Association ordinary share rate - now 7.25 per cent. With the extra 1½ per cent bonus paid on subscription shares this means that a net return of 9 per cent or more is available from the building societies listed in the table.

Many of the "extra interest" accounts on offer from building societies require a substantial lump sum investment from the outset. Subscription shares involve regular monthly savings of modest amounts - anything between £1 and £50 (or in some cases £100). So long as you keep this saving up throughout the year you get your 1½ per cent bonus at the end of the 12 months and are then free to withdraw your money if you want.

There can, however, be snags and you should look carefully at the details of the regular savings plans before you commit yourself.

Market Harborough Building Society, for instance, is offering 9.2 per cent on its subscription shares - 13.14 per cent gross - but the rules are strict. You can pay up to £50 a month, but if you increase your payment one month you have to hold

## Saving Getting a higher return

yourself to that level for the rest of the term; and the term is three years with no withdrawals allowed. If you do take out money the interest reverts to the ordinary share rate. But the bonus is added every half year instead of at the end of the year and so compounds at a faster rate than with most other building societies.

The Brighton-based Citizens Regency offers only one withdrawal a year, as does the Holmesdale Benefit. Clearly investors must inquire carefully about the withdrawal facilities on all these accounts.

### RETURN ON A £10 A MONTH INVESTMENT IN A BUILDING SOCIETY/INSURANCE SCHEME

Marston Building Society	Cash Value	Net Yield per
4 years and 1 day		
Aged 30 next	£635	13.2%
Aged 40 next	£628	12.7%
Aged 50 next	£615	11.6%
7 years		
Aged 30 next	£1,232	10.8%
Aged 40 next	£1,219	10.5%
Aged 50 next	£1,193	9.9%
10 years		
Aged 30 next	£2,042	10.3%
Aged 40 next	£2,020	10.1%
Aged 50 next	£1,978	9.7%

## Retirement

# Changes in pension rules make it easier for women to claim benefits

Nothing is more annoying for a married woman than to reach retiring age only to be told that she cannot get a pension until her husband retires too.

Yet that is what many thousands of women, who may have paid little or nothing by way of national insurance over the years, are being told.

As men retire at 65 and women at 60, there is not problem for a woman five or more years younger than her husband. She gets a pension when she reaches 60. But the situation can be particularly galling for women who are older than their husbands, or around the same age.

Be that as it may, this is the penalty many have to put up with for not having worked, or for having chosen to pay the married woman's special low rate of national insurance contributions in years past.

However, things are changing. Most women can no longer choose to pay the lower stamp. Those who could, but have been away from work for more than two tax years, find that they now have to pay the full amount if they go back to work. This in itself can bring benefits, especially to women who would otherwise be in the position of having to wait until their husbands retire to get a pension.

The reason for this is that where national insurance is paid for only a few years, a smaller than normal pension can be had in return. Someone, for in-

A woman keeps any earnings-related pension of her own

stance, who paid just 10 years of contributions would get a pension of around 25 to 30 per cent of the full amount - £8 to £10 a week compared with the full £25.50.

It is not, therefore, too difficult for a woman who worked for a number of years before her marriage then returns to work five years, say, before reaching 60, to accumulate the necessary national insurance payments for a pension of her own.

In addition, a woman who returns to work now starts to

build up some entitlement to an extra earnings-related pension, provided she is not in an approved company pension scheme.

What, then, will she get on retirement at 60? The main advantage is that she will not have to wait until her husband retires at 60 in order to get a pension. Because she has paid her own contributions she will get her own pension, even if this is a lower amount. On top of this will be the earnings-related slice, and also any graduated pension which she may have amassed between 1961 and 1975.

But the bonus is that when her husband eventually does

retire, she will be able to exchange her own pension for one from her husband's contributions, if it will be higher than her own pension.

The married woman's pension paid in this way is currently £19.70 a week.

This all means that a woman who is the same age as her husband, can have five years' pension of her own. A woman who is older than her husband will, of course, have more. This can be worth quite a lot of money. A 30 per cent pension comes to about £10 a week at present. That is £520 a year, or more than £2,500 over five years, not counting annual increases.

When a woman does swap her own pension for one from her husband, she keeps any earnings-related and graduated pension of her own, and adds this on top.

So, if you are within a few years of retirement and contemplating going back to work, it is worth bearing in mind that a couple of years in a job could make the difference between getting a pension and not getting one.

It may be worth checking how you stand as regards contributions with the DHSS.

If you have worked in the past, you might be surprised to find that you are already in line for at least the minimum 25 per cent pension rate.

Ian McDonald

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## FAMILY MONEY

## School fees

# Save the agony by saving with a flexible scheme

With only days left before the start of a new term, the annual agonizing over school fees and how to pay them begins.

A lot of mystery surrounds school-fees schemes but anyone seeking advice should remember that they all basically utilize existing insurance plans, the proceeds of which can be used for a number of purposes - not just the provision of school fees.

The parents' objective should be to build up a fund which can be used for several purposes. You may find that you change your mind about independent education, so it is important to make sure that any scheme has sufficient flexibility. The priority should be the maximum capital appreciation of savings. One scheme not generally used by school-fees planners is the tax-exempt Friendly Society policy, where your savings accumulate in a totally tax-free fund.

Each parent can save a maximum of £20 per month in this plan. The potential return after 10 years should be better than other forms of savings such as insurance-linked schemes which do not enjoy the same tax exemptions. That is, so long as the friendly society's investment team knows its business.

This type of scheme can be used to finance fees starting in 10 years' time. It is not profitable to draw on this plan for earlier school fees as the maximum return allowed within 10 years is the value of all premiums paid to date.

Ideally, a savings programme should be diversified between several institutions, to obtain the expertise of several investment teams. In the new economic climate where single-figure inflation is welcome change from the double-digits of the previous decade, the effect of even this low inflation rate in future school fee costs still has to be taken into account.

One of the constraints in choosing a realistic school fee inflation rate, for a savings programme, is the effect it will have on the initial monthly cost of a plan. This may well discourage the parents from doing any planning at all.

A monthly outlay of about £50, which rises gradually over



the initial years of a savings programme, should cover current-day school fees from the ages of 11 to 18 years for a child, allowing for inflation at 7 per cent (compound) from today.

You should start saving at whatever level you can afford and as early as possible, as it is easy to increase the level when you can afford more.

To ensure that fees can be provided earlier or later than the tenth year, the parents should consider a mixture of unit-linked 10-year policies and longer-term flexible policies both "with profits" and unit-linked. The longer-term policies should provide most of the necessary life-cover on both the father and the mother.

In addition, the savings contracts should offer the option to the parents of using

the proceeds for a house move or extra pension provision or help during the child's university years, if fees up to the age of 18 are not required. Parents' plans for their children's education may change over the years and a rigidly fixed scheme will not match their changing needs.

The saver is lucky to have such a wide choice of good insurance companies offering long-term plans. But this presents the parents with the problem of choosing between hundreds of competing plans on the market. To avoid having to shop around, they can use the knowledge of a specialist school-fees company, or investment adviser who should summarize for them the most competitive plans available to suit their requirements. If in doubt consult several advisers

and compare their recommendations.

In recent years people have become more aware of the tax benefits available if a grandparent, friend or relative covenants money to a child to help with school fees. For every £100 covenanted, the donor can claim basic-rate tax relief, reducing the cost to £70. As a non-taxpayer, the child is able to reclaim this tax deducted at source and so receives £70 from the donor, plus a £30 tax rebate. Parents cannot covenant to their children under the age of 18.

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Joe Collins

## FAMILY MONEY MARKET

**Banks**  
Current account - no interest paid.  
Deposit accounts - Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Lloyds extra interest 9% per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9% per cent. Fixed term deposits 2%, 4%, 6%, 8%, 10%, 13% and 6 months 8% per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

**MONEY FUNDS**  
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Bank of Scotland 9.25 01 888 8050  
Britannia call 9.25 01 888 2777  
C & P Permanent call 9.65 01 888 9265  
Schroder Webb 9.75 01 888 4000  
Simey 7 day 9.75 01 888 0233  
Stanco dollar 9.87 01 888 0233  
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Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10% per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source) redeemable by non-taxpayers, 1 year Kingston upon Hull 10% per cent, 2-4 years Hammersmith and Fulham 10% - 11% per cent, 5 years Kingston upon Hull 11% per cent, 6-9 years Taff Ely 11% per cent, 10 years Worthing 11% per cent.

Other details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-630 7401, after 3 pm). See also on Prestat no 24808.

National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - interest 3 per cent, first £70 of interest tax free. Investment Account - 11 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings Certificates 26th issue Total return of £1,000 and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.25 per cent, maximum investment £50,000.

National Savings Income Bond Min investment £2,000 - max. £200,000. Interest - 11 per cent increasing to 11% per cent from 4 Sept variable for six weeks notice paid without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice - check penalties.

National Savings 2nd Index-linked certificates Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index. Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1983 paid to new investors existing holders

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## Trust fees at half-price

Mention trusts and the usual reaction from any beneficiary is that the administration charges are too steep. Accountants Dearden Farrow have done some interesting research which

reveals that their charges (and probably the charges of most other accountants) are less than half those charged by either the banks or the public trustee.

## TRUST CHARGES

	Bank	Public trustee	Dearden Farrow
Smaller Trust	(market value £50,000)	£1,065	21,827
Small/medium Trust	£100,000	£1,432	22,619
Large/medium Trust	£250,000	£3,243	27,774
Large Trust	£500,000	£7,774	23,400

1) All fees exclusive of VAT.  
2) Dearden Farrow fees include partners' time and relate to cases dealt with in its London office.

years 11% per cent. Further information from St. 1 Winterton Road, London SE1 (01-822 7822).

**Finance house deposits (UOT)**  
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deduction of tax. First Fifty scheme 6 months 9% per cent, 1 year, 10 per cent; 2 years, 10% per cent.

**Foreign currency deposits**  
Rates quoted by Rothchild's Old Court Int'l Reserves 0481 28741.

July RPI 336.5 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)

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# Britoil in the shadow of BP

The possible sale of Britoil shares by the Government has been somewhat eclipsed by the prospect of a further tranche of state-owned shares in BP coming on the market.

Sales of BP shares are an easy way for the Government to finance its spending programme, or arguably a sensible extension of its privatization policy. The sale of Britoil shares would be less easy.

The Government will have to convince the investor that the present price of about 250p is likely to continue its slow climb from the placing of 215p. The Government will also have to drop the idea of floated off a new company comprising the North Sea assets of British Gas if Britoil shares are ever to have a chance in the market.

Britoil will publish its interim figures in the coming week and it is likely that the dividend will be in line with brokers' forecasts at 4p. The company's forecast of a 9.9p net dividend for 1983 should also be met. (Britoil follows Shell in providing for a full tax charge in its accounts while the other companies provide for corporation tax only when it is foreseeable, which at present means not all).

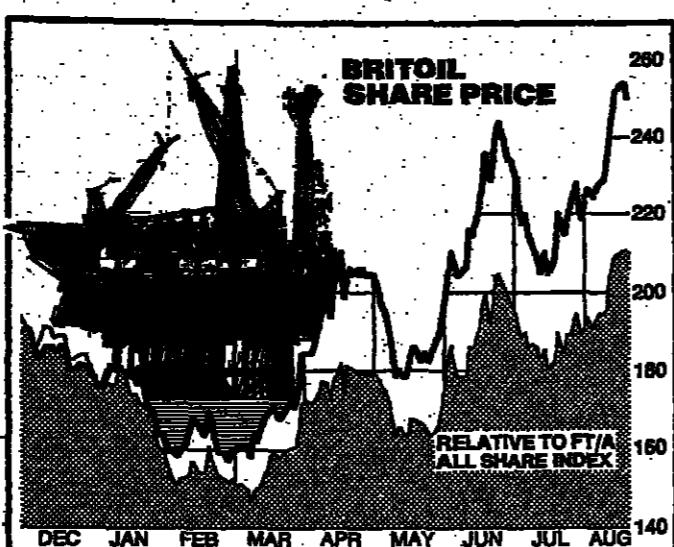
BP will produce interim figures on September 1. The profits should point to a full-year result ahead of the £700m earned in 1983. After the shell result it is likely that this forecast may well be low, and although an interim dividend of 6.25p may be paid as forecast, the final dividend could be much higher. For that reason alone BP may have an edge over Britoil.

Another factor is the different nature of Britoil's assets. Allowing for development already taking place in the North Sea, Britoil's resources in that area will begin to decline in 1983. But they will be offset by increased gas production and by the prospect of condensate fields in Dubai making considerable contributions to profits towards the end of the decade.

In addition, substantial investments by Britoil have been made in Ireland, Indonesia, France and in onshore production facilities and in potential oil-bearing exploration areas in the US.

The capital investment involved in these new areas will affect future dividends paid by Britoil, although changes in North Sea taxation could counteract this. The prospects for longer term growth are real, if not spectacular.

Having arrived at this position, Britoil could therefore be justified in feeling aggrieved



that the privatization policies which led to its setting-up are having a direct and adverse effect on its success.

Britoil has been a willing partner in the Government's programme, so it is ironic that British Gas, which has been dragged in to the privatization plan, could be such a success in the market, that the Government will remain, with 49 per cent, the largest shareholder in Britoil.

## Rockware Group

**Rockware Group**  
Half-year to 29.6.83  
Pre-tax loss 26.5m (loss £484,000)  
Stated loss 38.58p (loss 2.81p)  
Turnover £61.8m (£50.2m)  
Net dividend nil  
Share price 25p down 4p

There was champagne all round at Rockware Group yesterday: the outgoing chairman and chief executive, Mr Jim Craigie, was celebrating his birthday and Rockware had just raised £9.6m to ease its previous financial position.

Rockware says its banks were nowhere near pulling the plug and had put up £5m of what it calls "pre-financing". Repayment of this loan will eat up all the cash raised. Half-year figures, also published yesterday, show a loss of £8.5m but Rockware is adamant that it has rationalized capacity ahead of the pack.

But so far, price increases have not just failed to stick but have instead been hit by heavy discounting.

## Mining Supplies

**Mining Supplies**  
Year to 30.4.83  
Pre-tax loss £1.78m (£715,000)  
Stated loss 6.6p (1.9p)  
Turnover £26.8m (£22.4m)  
Net final dividend 0.1p  
Share price 30p Yield 0.4%  
Dividend payable 4.10.83

Mining Supplies, the dark-horse of a sector that has produced mixed results for the past financial year, yesterday announced pre-tax losses two-and-a-half times higher for the 12 months to the end of April.

## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

**W. G. Allen and Sons (Tipton)**  
Year to 31.3.83  
Pre-tax loss £119,000 (£567,000)  
Stated loss per share 3.37p (5.6p)  
Turnover £7m (£5.5m)  
Net dividend None (same)  
Share price 34p up 2p

**Benford Concrete Machinery**  
Half-year to 30.6.83  
Attributable profit £623,000 (£955,000)  
Stated earnings 2.8p (4.3p)  
Turnover £11.7m (£7.4m)  
Net interim dividend 1p (0.875p)  
Share price 58p up 1p. Yield 8.5%

**Wholesale Fittings**  
Half-year to 29.6.83  
Pre-tax profit 23.8m (£3.5m)  
Stated earnings 15.2p (13.9p)  
Turnover £30.5m (£28.4m)  
Net interim dividend 1p (0.875p)  
Share price 28p down 18p. Yield 2.4%

**Dome Canada**  
Half-year to 30.6.83  
Net income C\$18.9m (£9.8m) (£329.1m)  
Stated earnings 21 cents (33 cents)  
Turnover £363.8m (£33.6m) (£343.1m)

**Charles Baynes**  
Half-year to 30.6.83  
Pre-tax profit £206,000 (£213,000)  
Stated earnings 1.5p (1.45p)  
Turnover £1.2m (£1.2m)  
Net interim dividend 0.3125p (0.25p)  
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CRICKET: SLOW MAN FOR YORKSHIRE, NEW QUICK MAN FOR ENGLAND

## Rebuke leaves Boycott angry

By Richard Streeton

Yorkshire announced its official statement yesterday that they had reprimanded Geoff Boycott for slow scoring against Gloucestershire at Headingley last Saturday. The club's three-man cricket sub-committee known popularly as the peace keeping trio took no further action. Their chairman, Ronald Burnet, said they felt it was an isolated incident and should not have any bearing on whether Boycott's contract was renewed in the autumn.

Boycott left Headingley not knowing he was to be reprimanded after 105 minutes talk with the sub-committee, which, ironically, had been convened officially by Ray Illingworth, the Yorkshire captain. It was Illingworth who first grumbled to pressmen and later made an official complaint to the club after Boycott batted six hours and a half and scored 140 not out of Yorkshire's 344 for five. Boycott faced more than 50 per cent of the balls bowled and Yorkshire failed to obtain maximum bonus points.

Boycott was angry last night that he was left to labour on air radio that he was to be reprimanded and was discussing with friends whether he should protest about the lack of communication with the club. A Yorkshire committee member and Boycott supporter, who drove Boycott to Headingley, had been given an assurance by Mr Burnet before the meeting that it was not a disciplinary hearing and that the player had no need to have "a prisoner's friend present".

Today, however, Boycott's feelings, Mr Burnet said: "We're splitting hairs about the meaning of words. It is all a storm in a teacup. Call it a rap on the knuckles if you like, but I did remind GB what I told him last year about the need to play for the side."

Yorkshire's statement said that at Boycott's request the club had also obtained evidence about Saturday's events from other people. It had been decided that his bating was not in the team's best interests and Boycott had been reminded that he must "play for the needs of the side, irrespective of his personal ambitions".

Answering questions at a press conference, Mr Burnet said Boycott believed he had reasons for his slow innings. (These did not emerge but are not hard to fathom as Yorkshire lost two early wickets and, Boycott apart, the Yorkshire batting has been terrible this summer). Mr Burnet added: "We spoke freely and he has accepted the sub-committee's decision."

In recent years no cricket season, sadly, has been complete without a rumour in the Yorkshire camp. A curious aspect in this latest friction is that it has arisen at the time it has. Less than a month remains of the season and it has happened when Yorkshire are poised to win the John Player League, their first notable success since 1969.

## England recall Randall and send for Thomas

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Their collective conscience pricked perhaps by having left him out of the third Test match against New Zealand, the England selectors have brought back Derek Randall for the fourth starting at Trent Bridge, his home ground, next Thursday. David Thomas, the Surrey all-rounder, is also among the 12 players chosen.

Foster, the young Essex bowler who was in the side which won at Lord's is out of action and back in hospital. He will miss the rest of the season. Even during the Test match at Lord's as much as an egg cup of fluid was being taken from his back, which has been shored up since last Autumn by two steel plates. His selection, all things considered, makes an extraordinary story.

Thomas, who replaces Foster, is aged 24. He bowls left arm, sometimes at a good pace, at the end of a quick-stepping approach. If he owes his selection more to one man than any other it could be Clive Lloyd, the West Indian captain, who has let it be known more than once that he has had to hurry his strokes when playing against him.

Until recently, Thomas had not, in fact, had much of a season with the ball. What could have swung things his

way is his hard-hitting left-handed batting. Against Nottinghamshire, at the end of last month, he scored his first first-class hundred.

He would, I think, be fortunate to win a cap at this stage of his career. So, though, was Foster, and Dilley is out of the reckoning at the moment, having hardly played for the last three weeks.

Of the other fast bowlers, Neil Williams, the young St Vincentian now with Middlesex, probably came as close as anyone to being chosen. It has not taken long for the trumpets which greeted the selection at Headingley of Willis, Cowans and Dilley, England's "fastest trio for years", to die away.

The idea of playing two spinners has not come to anything. The selectors had some doubt about Edmonds's fitness for a five-day match, although it is always a useful option to quote the chairman of the selectors. "I should hope not", I can hear Jack Bond, Lancashire's manager and former captain, saying.

### Cook keeps keeping

The Northampton captain, Geoff Cook will continue as emergency wicket-keeper in today's championship match against Lancashire at Northampton because George Sharp is still not fit.

### England 12

	Age	Team
G P D Willis (War, cap)	27	England
J T Barnes (Surrey)	27	England
D G Cowans (Middlesex)	26	England
N W Gatting (Middlesex)	26	England
D J Gower (Lancs)	26	England
D J Randall (Notts)	26	England
G L Smith (Warwicks)	24	England
G M Cowans (Lancs)	24	England
D V Tyrell (Notts)	24	England
D J Thomas (Surrey)	24	England

## New Zealand bring firepower to bear

By Peter Marson

CHELMSFORD: The New Zealanders beat Essex by 48 runs.

The New Zealanders scored an encouraging victory, their fourth in succession, at a comfortable 198, with 13.5 overs to spare. Yesterday, Essex, who had been set to make 309 runs to win in four hours, accepted the challenge and brought all their firepower to bear.

Although Essex's hopes were shattered as he ran out of partners, Phillip, the seventh wicket to fall with 118 runs still needed, their endeavours never waned.

Gooch made a dashing 54, having a forceful 39; Pont 52, but 32, the honours on this day belonged to Bracewell, who absorbed any amount of punishment.

ESSEX: First Innings 233 (K R Port 81; M C Smeed 5 for 65).

Second Innings  
T G Franklin & D E East 47  
G A Studd & C J Morris 42  
K M Lenham & C J Morris 42  
B R Hinde & C J Morris 42  
R P Clegg & D E East 42  
N D Lees & C Gledhill 42  
D E East & C Gledhill 42  
R J Hardies & C Gledhill 42  
M D Brown & C Gledhill 42  
P J Gooch & C Gledhill 42  
E J Gray not out 42  
Extras (0, 1, 4, 1, n-o) 5  
Total 220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-35, 3-122, 4-175, 5-192, 6-193, 7-195, 8-202, 9-211, 10-220.  
BOWLING: Hughes 11-3-35-1; Smeed 10-3-32-1; Clegg 9-1-33-1; Bracewell 15-3-111-4; D Crole 2-1-25-1.

Impres: R Palmer and J van Geleen.

SECOND XI COMPETITION

PETERBOROUGH: Northamptonshire 190 (D G Morris 4 for 93) and 186 (J T Yaldry 77 not out and 6 for 80); Derbyshire 196 and 196 for 121; Farnham 186 and 190; Bradford 72, Derbyshire 72, Dorset 72, Northants 72.

CARDIFF: Glamorgan 302 (A J Hopkins 94; M Wedderburn 6 for 57) and 343 for 7 dec (G C Morris 100, D G Morris 65 and 5 for 65); Northants 276 and 276 for 10 dec (D J Walker 78 not out, P Morris 51 not out and 5 for 65); Worcester 276 and 276 for 10 dec (D J Walker 78 not out, P Morris 51 not out and 5 for 65); Gloucestershire 254. Yesterday Gloucestershire lost another wicket and then declared, leaving Ireland to score 276 with plenty of time.

There was a stand by Short and Anderson, which was beginning to look formidable when Gaveney took a high return catch from Anderson. Short was bowled soon afterwards. That was 53 for four. Almost 200 were wanted, with three hours to go.

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The seventh wicket fell at 147, when Prior the Secretary of State, as we were calling him, was caught at mid-wicket just short of his fifty.

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The seventh

# Harwood should mount Sandown show of strength

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The Solway Stakes is the highlight of today's Sandown Park programme, the 15th anniversary of the event organized by the Variety Club of Great Britain in aid of various children's charities. Henry Cecil's vast stable, dominating the season's main races for two years, is so far it is now up to others to prove that he is not the last word in the plum prizes at stake, lest this summer are not to be accepted up by the master of Warren Place.

Just how big a threat will be should become much more apparent after Lear Fan, Falstaff, Quick Work and El Capistrano have done battle in the feature race at Sandown today. Harwood's stable is the one that carries the most and it is a safe selection. By all accounts there was something magical about the way that he won his first and only race so far at Newmarket earlier this month.

Lear Fan, who started favourite that day, quickened the second and Greville Starkey asked him to go and off he ran, never looking away from his task. In the final furlong he was the last to begin his race and the post eight lengths to the good. This was a performance which hinted in the broadest possible terms that Lear Fan is destined to take high rank among the season's best and now I am looking to him to provide still more evidence by beating this small but select field.

Trouncing a bunch of maidens is one thing dealing with this sort of opposition is another. But, having watched some of his good two-year-olds run, Robert Falstaff must be confident by four lengths at Sandown 10 days ago Harwood must be confident that Lear Fan can do likewise. Harwood said last night, however, that he would

## Defecting Dancer to star in Morny

From Desmond Stuchin,

Deauville  
Defecting Dancer, "mazy" have themselves to make up in the form book on the French filly Massarika, in the Prix Morny tomorrow, but the colt could have enough improvement in him to take this group one event. No English horse has won this famous Deauville prize since My Swallow was victorious in 1979.

Unbeaten in three races, Defecting Dancer has never yet been extended and Lester Piggott has this to say of the son of Habitat: "His wins might have been a little deceiving. He could be a very good horse and is sure to stay the six-furlong distance. Certainly Defecting Dancer is a horse which has an abundance of top-class two-years-old."

The first home-bred horse to race for Sheikh Mohammed, Defecting Dancer began his racing career by trotting in the John Hollidoch Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth. He was then not pushed to the Windsor Castle Stakes, the Royal Ascot and Doncaster had a little trouble in the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket, which he took unchallenged by three lengths.

Massarika has an unblemished record with three victories already

### Shergar's second

A second foal by Shergar, the handicapped Derby winner, is to be offered at Gestetters' next year breeding stock sales in November. The colt, by Tommy Starck's Thomastown Castle Stud, Agent, the Shergar colt is out of the Nijinsky mare, Galloito, winner of the Gaiety Stakes at York.

Massarika has an unblemished



Yves Saint-Martin:  
Massarika his best ever.

## Piggott can pounce with Cree Song

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggott, 45, years old and growing stronger than ever, is set to celebrate his successful work in the north of England by capturing this afternoon's Great St. Wilfrid Handicap on Cree Song, at York on Thursday, 35 years after winning his first race on the Chase at Haydock Park, the last double-doubt on Precocious in the Gimcrack Stakes and on Hymettus. On Wednesday he has sent the crowds home happy after gaining his fifth triumph in the Ebor Handicap at York. Now he looks all set for another day of triumph as his four books of moneys include four for Henry Cecil.

Cree Song seems the safest

Henry Cecil now has his eyes

Brother are both running into form, but will be more effective on softer ground which they are likely to encounter later in the year.

Never So Bold could be the blot

on the handicap. Robert Armstrong's three-year-old was most impressive over seven furlongs at York, but was beaten in the final by those disappointed horses for the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot, but was afterwards discovered to have thrown a splint (developed a painful bony enlargement on his leg), if has recovered well, but it may still be improving three weeks from now.

It is the only one that they all have to count.

Henry Cecil now has his eyes

### Dead heat verdict is changed

The judge who gave a dead-heat for first place in the St. Hugh's Stakes at Newbury last Saturday has changed the race to Be My Valentine. The move came after he examined a further photo-finish print, produced under laboratory conditions by Racecourse Technical Services Ltd.

There was some confusion after the race, in which Henry Cecil's

selection in this always competitive sprint handicap. As a two-year-old, Cree Song won seven times, including a victory over six furlongs on this particular course. He is fast and consistent, and also appears to be reaching his peak at the right time. At York in July Cree Song finished a creditable fourth to Miss Import over five furlongs. The value of that form was endorsed when Miss Import subsequently defeated a strong field in the Queen Anne Stakes at Newbury on June 24.

Doc Marten, a two-year-old, beat All Forgiven with Monarchs in the final, but was unplaced in both the Doncaster and De Courcey in the Monkton Stakes. Monarchs showed improved form when beating Karabala by seven lengths at Newmarket and a 7lb penalty should not prevent the Welsh Pageant colt from giving a repeat performance.

Finally fixed on a fifth trainer's championship: "I think we're in with a chance", he said at York on Thursday when moving into second place below Dick Hera after Precocious's victory in the Gimcrack. The bookmakers obviously share this opinion as Ladbrokes are not prepared to bet on the issue.

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## FOOTBALL

# Psychological advantage lies with United

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Seventy-fifth Charity Shield that opens the football season at Wembley today will be appropriately an exhibition of the ancient and the modern. Manchester United, the winners of the inaugural match against Queens Park Rangers in 1908, who have not won the trophy outright for a quarter of a century, meet Liverpool, the holders and their other new acquisitions — Bolden from Sheffield Wednesday and Gillegie from Coventry City — among the five substitutes.

Liverpool's results during the close season have been fair, if encouraging. After losing their last seven league matches they were beaten at home and by United in Belfast, and then drew against Hamburg and Feyenoord. They returned to their winning ways only recently in Casablanca.

Not only do Liverpool represent the freshest of the two crews. They also have undergone a significant transformation of their own. Rob Paisley, the manager who became accustomed to travelling to Wembley on a season ticket, left it behind in Anfield's bootroom for his successor Joe Fagan to renew.

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When Fagan pinned up his first official team sheet yesterday he chose a newcomer to wear the No 9 shirt. Robinson, famed more for his effort than his skill, is to form a new

## Cowans setback for Villa

Aston Villa's plans for the new season have been dealt a severe blow, following the serious injury suffered by Gordon Cowan in a friendly match against the USA. The England midfield player broke a leg on Thursday night, and early reports suggest that he will be out for at least three months.

This could signal a halt to the proposed transfer of Dennis Mortimer. Mortimer has had talks with Chelsea and West Bromwich, but now Villa may need to replace Cowan in the midfield alone.

The new signings, Steve McMahon from Everton and Alan Curbishley from Birmingham.

Villa drew 2-2 with the Mexican side, America, and lost 4-3 on penalties, allowing America to progress to the final against Real Zaragoza.

Ashley Grimes, of Manchester United, the Republic of Ireland midfield player, has agreed terms with Coventry City, and his £200,000 transfer is expected to be completed this weekend. Grimes has been unsettled at Old Trafford for some time and impatient for regular first team football. He rejected new terms this summer, Coventry have offered only £150,000, and United made him £250,000, but the United manager, Ron Atkinson, said: "We hope to reach a compromise without going to a tribunal."

West Ham are poised to sign the defender Steve Walker from Norwich City, for £210,000. The clubs have agreed on the price for the former Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal player. Celtic yesterday signed the full back Brian Whittaker, from Partick Thistle, in an exchange



Cowans: broken leg

dealt worth £50,000. Partick received the forward John Buckley plus £100,000. The Northern Ireland goalkeeper, Jim Platt, has rejoined Ballymena, after more than 460 first team appearances for Middlesbrough. Chris Jones, the former Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City and Crystal Palace player, is having a trial with Charlton Athletic and may sign for the club. Scunthorpe United have paid a "small fee" for the central defender John Green, of Rotherham United.

## New firm are back and mean bigger business

By Hugh Taylor

Hopes are high in Scotland that the quality of football in the premier division which kicks off today will be even better than it was last year, which was the most engrossing since the division was formed in 1975. Competition, even if it is mainly centred on the rivalry of the four leading clubs, Dundee United, Celtic, Aberdeen and Rangers, will be keener than ever.

For once it is in the east that supporters are most enthusiastically rubbing their hands in anticipation of the new campaign while in the west, the impregnable bastion of the game for nearly a century, there is more than a flicker of apprehension in the minds of the legions who follow Celtic and Rangers.

The Old Firm triumphed last season, and the well equipped New Firm of Aberdeen and Dundee United, with their confidence at a peak, should be more powerful, the spark of the trophies they won last season dazzling the eyes of Celtic, who hold only the League Cup.

Aberdeen are bound to take the title, unless to mention the Scottish Cup and League Cup. Alex Ferguson, their manager, who led them to European Cup winners' Sup success, has formed a squad who are the envy of every club in the land. They have come over come those last lapses of conservatism which plagued them during the last title to their two cup successes to make them invincible.

Although Dundee United are, in the opinion of the bookmakers, outsiders at 9-2, they should be still a more formidable team, now beautifully blended and fast, thanks to their title success, filled with self belief.

With their restricted pool, injuries may upset their plans for Continental competition.

## IN BRIEF

### Sydney's black future

The New Zealand Rugby Union's odds-on favourites to beat Australia and retain the Bledisloe Cup in Sydney today. But the Australian coach, Bob Dwyer, at the bookmakers who make the All Black era of domination of the last six years ago is over. They were once experts who couldn't be beaten, but that All Black hegemony doesn't exist any more," he said.

**AUSTRALIA:** D. Carseys, B. Moon, A. Stark, M. Hunter, P. Clegg, M. Edwards, S. G. P. Smith, S. Williams, D. H. Pocock, C. Reilly, D. Niall.

**NEW ZEALAND:** A. Howlett, B. Fraser, S. Pocock, W. Taylor, J. T. Smith, D. C. C. Smith, A. L. Lomax, J. Smith, A. Doherty, J. C. Keenan, J. Hobbs, A. Hadon, G. Haywood, G. Smith, M. Madam.

**MOTOR RACING:** Ken Roseberg, the world motor racing champion, is staying with the Williams team in 1984. He will be testing a new Turbo Honda-powered Williams car in the next month.

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striking partnership with Rush the League's leading goalscorer last season with Dalglish lying behind in third.

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Liverpool's only notable absence is Whelan, troubled again by injury. It was his deliberately curled shot that won the Milk cup for Liverpool in March, but United, cruelly depleted by injury in their 2-1 defeat after extra time, will be strengthened by the return of Robson, their leader in midfield, if weakened by the possible absences of both McLaren and Moses. Their 4-3 win Liverpool in Ireland earlier in the month has given United additional psychological support.

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**BIRTHS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** On August 18, 1983, at St. James' Church, London, 18, to Charles, a brother for Sarah.

**BALDWIN** On July 27, 1983, at St. Paul's Church, London, 18, to Richard Baldwin in Italy, a son, Michael.

**BROWN** On August 16th to Linda (nee Wilkinson) and Michael — a daughter of — Jennifer, 19, and Michael, 21, of Newbury, Berks.

**BUSHELL** — To Elizabeth (née Wright) and Michael, 21, of Newbury, Berks.

**THE HARLEQUIN'S CLUB** request to thank Hon. Mrs. Barbara Bushell, Mrs. Anthony D. Bushell, Esq., and relatives for their kind words of sympathy.

**WHITE** — On August 18, 1983, at St. James' Church, London, 18, to Michael, a son, Christopher, a brother for Sarah.

**WILLIAMS** — On August 18, 1983, at St. James' Church, London, 18, to Michael, a son, Christopher, a brother for Sarah.

**WRIGHT** — On Tuesday, August 22, 1983, at St. James' Church, London, 18, to Jeffrey — a son (Liam Oliver Edward Charles).

**MARRIAGES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** : SAUNDERS, J. — On July 23, 1983, at St. Paul's Church, London, 18, to Birthe, a daughter of — Michael and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. D. Stader.

**WOLSTENHOLME** — STEVENSON On August 19, 1983, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 10, Winton Road, Vincent, W.12, to William Stevenson.

**DEATHS**

**ADAMS** — On August 17, 1983, after a short illness, at St. James' Court, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Adams, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**BUSH** — On August 17, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Bush, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**COOPER** — On August 17, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Cooper, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**ANDERSON** — On Wednesday, 10 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Anderson, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**BUSH** — In her 89th year, in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Bush, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**CHESTHAM** — On August 17, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. Arthur Noel Bush, of The Strand, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, beloved husband of Jane and Dorothy, and father of Christopher, Philip and Anthony.

**CHURCH** — On Thursday, 17 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Dorothy Church, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**COOPER** — On Friday, 17 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Mary Cooper, widow of Eddie and Muriel Adams.

**DARLINGTON** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Darlington.

**DEAN** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Dean.

**FRITH** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Frith.

**GARRETT** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Garrett.

**HALL** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at her home — 1, Walworth Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mrs. Hall, widow of Eddie and Muriel Hall.

**HOBBS** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Hobbs.

**JONES** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Jones.

**KELLY** — On Saturday, 18 August, 1983, at St. James' Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 82, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Muriel Kelly.

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# Saturday

BBC 1

6.25 Open University (until 8.30) Structural power: 8.05 Who's Going to Manage? 7.15 Finance of Social Community; 7.40 Design for Science; 8.05 Colonist in Reverse.

8.25 West Street Blues: old Edgar Kennedy continues; 9.15 The Get Set Picture Book with puzzles, Jenny of the Bell Stars, and a Frisbee-throwing contest; 10.55 Film: Old Mother Riley's New Venture (1949) Arthur Lucas as the Irish washerwoman of countless music hall bills is promoted to manager of a pub hotel. With Kitty McDonald, his wife in real life. Also starring Cliff Boucher. Directed by John Harlow.

12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: Horse Racing Focus (7.45); Charlie Shiel's Review (12.55); News: 1.00 Gold, Britain and Hedges Open - third round; 1.20 Racing from Chester (the 1.30); 1.40 Golf: back to Fulfords Golf Club, York; 1.55 Racing: the 2.00 at Chester; 2.10 Athletics: The European Cup Final, from Crystal Palace. Events include the men's 1500m, the 100m, and the javelin; 2.25 Racing: the Berry Magical Matchless Nursery Handicap, at Chester; 2.40 Athletics: back to Crystal Palace. And more golf coverage from York; 4.45 Final coverage.

5.10 Kung Fu: An official pardon for Caine (David Carradine) - but with an extraordinary condition attached: 6.00 News with Jan Leeming.

6.15 Blister's Seven: The empty seat at the Yarn summit (penultimate episode) (7).

7.05 The Saturday Film: Metropolis (1927) John Wayne, as the king of the oil-well fire fighters goes to blaze domestic as well as professionally. The conflagration sequences are splendidly done; the human drama is less impressive. With Katharine Ross and Jim Hutton. Director: Andrew V McLaglen.

8.05 The Main Attraction: Variety show, with Ertha Kitt, Ted Rogers, Leslie Crowther and Bernie Winters, Jimmy Cricket, The Koziaks, Richard Stilgoe, the Super Trouvers, and Stutz Bees; 9.30 News. And sports round-up.

10.05 Kelly Monet: The American comedian in his British-made television series. Final programme in the series (7).

10.35 The Charity Shield: Highlights of the Wembley clash between Liverpool and Manchester United. The commentary is by John Motson.

11.25 International Athletics: Highlights of today's events in the European Cup Final, at Crystal Palace.

11.55 The Rockford Files: Private-eye drama starring James Garner who, tonight, is reunited with his old Korean war colonel who desperately needs his help (7).

12.45 Weather for Sunday.

TV-am

8.25 Good Morning Britain with Tony Attwells and John Noakes. Includes news at 7.30; 8.00, with sport at 7.10; 9.15 Burnett with Pick of the Week at 6.30; Paul Gambaccini and Co at 7.15; Guest spot at 8.07; Jackie Gaynor's Aerobics at 8.32.

8.40 Summer Rose pop programme, with Paul Waller and Buster Bloodvessel as guests.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT Information: what's on in the area; 9.30 Sesame Street: easy learning, with The Muppets; 10.30 Star Fleet: space fun for the youngers; 10.55 Film: Shallow Alley (1971) Carrington version of Don Marquis' famous short about a poet who becomes a cockroach.

12.15 World of Sport: The line-up is: 12.20 Motor Sport: Dardiggers Championship, from Cheshire; 12.30 British Marathon preview; 12.45 Speedway: NSFO National Fours, from Peterborough; 1.05 Charity Shield preview.

1.15 News.

1.20 The ITV Seven: From Sandown - the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00, and, from Ripon, the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45; At 3.15: Motor Sport: further live coverage of the Dardiggers Championship in Cheshire; 3.30 Formula racing in Jarama; 3.45 News round-up; 4.00 Wrestling: three events from Bridlington, catchweight, heavyweight, and tag team; 4.45 Results service.

5.05 News from ITN: 5.15 The Smurfs: for the youngsters; 5.30 Catwadez: a magical tale, starring Geoffrey Bayldon, Bernard Hepton.

6.00 Happy Days: Fonzie arranges a date with Melvin Velvin for KC. But need he have bothered? 5.30 Chips: A disgraced former highway patrol officer tries to clear his name and gain his son's respect.

7.30 Ultra Quiz: Eight contestants are left in the £10,000 contest. Tonight, they are in Hong Kong.

8.15 Saturday Royal: Variety from the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, compered by Lionel Blair. Most of the acts are new to television. They include The Little Foxes, daughters of the Beverley Sisters; 9.15 News.

9.30 Adult Movie: The Passage (1978) Second World War drama, with Anthony Quinn as the Basque shepherd who escorts an eminent scientist James Mason and his family from occupied France into Spain - with a brutal SS officer (Malcolm McDowell) in hot pursuit. Their trials intensify when they arrive in Spain. Directed by J Lee Thompson.

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12.45 Night Thoughts: from Dr Una Kroll. Her theme is meditation.



Chrissie Cotterill and Mick Ford who appear in Caleb Williams (Channel 4, 10.15pm)

BBC 2

8.25 Open University (until 9.10); 9.10 Saturday Cinema: The Story of Tom Thumb (1914) Directed in New Zealand in the last century, with Jack Hawkins commenting on his friendship with a Maori chieftain (Isla de Waeta) that is to stand him in good stead when he falls foul of the law. With Glynn Johns, Noel Purcell - and a young Kenneth Williams. Director: Ken Annakin.

4.35 International Golf: Live coverage of the Benson and Hedges International Open at Fulfords Club, York.

5.00 Film: Robbery Under Arms (1957) Film version of the popular Australian novel by Rolf Boldrewood, set in Australia in the last century, with Peter Finch as the cattle-stealing outlaw who is joined by brother Ronald Lewis and David McCallum. Director: Jack Lee.

7.05 News. And sports round-up.

7.20 The 20th Century: Remembrance: First part of Kenneth Haigh's interview with Dean Jones, the former US Secretary of State, who looks back at the last 20 years America's involvement in Vietnam.

7.50 Krzyzacy Pendarwski: St Laius Passion. A recording from this year's Proms of the Polish composer conducting the BBC SO in a performance of his own spectacular work.

Soloists: Maria Slach, Stephen Roberts, Michael Rippon and (as speaker) David Wilson-Johnson. With the BBC Singers and the Choristers of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

8.20 Rape: How Miami is trying to stem the rising tide of sexual attacks on both men and women.

10.05 Horror Double Bill: The Mammy's Hand (1947) Tom Tyler plays the bandaged horror, and Dick Foran and Peggy Moran are the tedious lovers. Director: Christy Cabanne; 11.10 News: with Jan Leeming.

11.15 Horror Double Bill: The House of Dracula (1945) Yet another re-telling of the Wolf Man, the arch vampire, and Frankenstein's Monster. With Lon Chaney Jr, John Carradine and Glenn Strange. Director: Eric C Kenton. Ends at 1.45am.

CHANNEL 4

2.45 Film: This Vintage W G Fields (1976) Highlights from many of the great comedian's earlier films, including his first, (Pool Sharks), The Golf Specialist, and The Dentist.

4.25 Sphere: Norman McLaren animated short.

4.35 Well Being: How to maintain (even improve) our mental health as we grow older. With 70-year-old keep-fit teacher Lotte Berk.

5.05 Brookside: Two episodes (r).

6.00 Hot for Dogs: Non-stop dog race programme, filmed in the Chelsea and Kensington areas of London. Special guest: Kim Wilde; 6.30 News. Followed by: A Working Fattic: Film about an Edinburgh hospice for the terminally ill. With Barbara Smoker of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society.

7.00 Take the Stage: Acting improvisation contest between "Grandmamas" Robert Longden, Rosemary Martin and Richard O'Sullivan, and Tynewydd: Theater players Larry Dunn, Nicola McAluffle and James Carter.

7.15 Clive of India: Kenneth Griffith's reconstruction of the life of this 19th century British imperialist who fell foul of the Establishment. Mr Griffith plays all the parts. Directed by Michel Pearce.

8.10 Chamber of Perils: Part two of this six-part serialisation of William Godwin's novel about the 18th century relationship between an estate worker's son (Mick Ford) and a landowner (Gunter Maria Helmer). It is a story of oppression, and the fight for Napoleon.

10.15 Caleb Williams: Part one of Robin Chapman's six-part serialisation of William Godwin's novel about the 18th century relationship between an estate worker's son (Mick Ford) and a landowner (Gunter Maria Helmer). It is a story of oppression, and the fight for Napoleon.

11.40 Film: The Paradise Case (1947) Drama, directed by Hitchcock, with Gregory Peck as the barrister whose infatuation with the woman he is defending on a charge of murder (Alida Valli) ends in tragedy. The fine cast also includes Charles Laughton, Ethel Barrymore, Ann Todd and Louis Jouvan. Ends at 1.45am.

12.45 Sergeant Major: Phil Silvers up to more of his tricks in the United States Army (r).

13.45 St Patrick's Purgatory,ough Derg: The story of the annual pilgrimage to the small island in a lake in the centre of northwest Ireland. The pilgrims include the Duke of Norfolk, Britain's prime earl, and a devout Roman Catholic.

11.40 International Athletics: Highlights from the European Cup Final, at Crystal Palace; 12.10 Weather.

12.00 Night Thoughts.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 News: Farming Today. In Perspective: Religious affairs; 7.00 News; 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.20 Today's Papers. 7.25 It's a Bargain. 7.35 Weather. Travel. Programme news. 8.00 News; 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Radio 4. 8.20 Saturday Information, including 8.57 Weather. Travel. 9.50 New Stand. Review of weekly magazines.

10.05 Talking Politics. With Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Daily Service... 10.30 Pick of the Week.

11.35 From Our Own Correspondent. News: A Small Country Living - magazine for people in the countryside, presented by Jeanne McGuire.

12.27 Quote... Unquote. 12.55 Weather. Programme news.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.15 Audiobooks: Music by Dvorak (Prague Waltz); Mozart (Concerto in G); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring); Debussy (La Mer); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on Themes of Mussorgsky); Paganini - Danno Molisevitach, piano.)

2.00 Radio 3 Review: Strauss (Symphonic诗: Don Juan); Bridge (String Quartet No 2 - the Dame Quatuor) and Rimsky-Korsakov (Symphonic Suite: Sheherazade.)

8.45 TONIGHT'S PROM: Bernstein: Overture. Copland: Quiet City. Gershwin: Piano Concerto. Copland: Suite - Billy the Kid. Gershwin: An American in Paris. Stein de Groot (piano). BBC Concert Orchestra. Andrew Litton conducting. Radio 3 Stereo.

Quartet play the B minor, Op 33 No 1, and the C major, Op 11.

4.00 The Conci Logique: The pianist plays Schumann (Etudes Symphoniques Op 13 and Op Posth: Chopin: Piano Sonatas No 3 and No 5, Op 58) and works by Brahms and Liszt.

5.00 Jazz Record Requests. Index: A Cappuccino of Cultures. John Keay reflects on literature in, and about, India.

6.30 Peter Hurford: At the open of Syria's Old House. Includes work by Buschweiler and Hindemith.

7.10 The Scan of the Earth: Third of five programmes, by David Seaton, and the Popular War: 1. Prose 2. Poems 3. Poetry.

8.25 A Closer Look: An examination of Gerard Manley Hopkins poems by Vernon Scannell.

9.45 Interpretations on Record: Andrew May on composers who have tackled the role of the Marchioness in Der Rosenkavalier.

10.25 Cambridge University Chamber Choir: Works by Bach, Vivaldi, Monteverdi, Busoni, Bruckner, Liszt and Verdi. Ends at 11.15.

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11.15 News: Broadcast to 7.55, and 11.40 12.00.

12.45 Weather.

13.45 That's a Line sung by Margaret Field (sofa); Henry Herford (bar); Paul Bonifacius (bass); and Alicia de Larrocha, and Bolero.

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# Canada's heritage alive and well and living in Woolwich



A vital part of Canada's heritage, including photographs, maps, music and books missing for many years, has been found in the recesses of the Woolwich Arsenal depository of the British Library (Christopher Warman writes).

The find, unveiled yesterday, has excited scholars of Canadian history because the collection of about 40,000 items covers the period 1895 to 1924. It is virtually a complete record of material published in Canada during the period. No comparable collection exists in Canada.

Among the most evocative of the items are the 5,000 photographs, from portraits of famous Canadians, including Mary Pickford (right), to scenes of ordinary people at work and play and studies of ethnic groups. A 1919 photograph by Howard Henry Allen (centre) shows the composer Sousa posing as stern-faced as the Indians around him. Chief Duckhunter (left), a Canadian Indian from Victoria, British Columbia, looks to have a model for the pink hair fashion of today in A. W. Gelston's picture of 1913.

The collection includes 2,500 maps,

including 1,400 insurance plans made by a Canadian called Goad, which provide a record hitherto incomplete because the public archives of Canada holds fewer than 500 of them. There are 15,000 pieces of sheet music, about half of which is unknown in Canada today, 10,000 books and additional collections of directories, news-papers and commercial trade catalogues.

The material was originally acquired by the British Museum (now the British Library) under the copyright deposit system operating between 1895 and 1924, when two



copies were deposited in libraries in Canada and a third in the British Museum library. The Canadian copies were lost in a series of fires.

Because the former British Museum catalogue did not list all acquisitions, a lot of the Canadian material remained uncatalogued and was stored at Woolwich. It has now been found by Dr Patrick O'Neill of Mount St Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Professor John R. T. Ettinger of Dalhousie University, Halifax.

## New attempt to lift the Alexander L Keilland

An attempt is to be made within the next four weeks to raise the wreck of the North Sea oil rig, Alexander L Keilland, which sank four years ago with the loss of 123 lives, 30 of them British. The capsized rig has been towed to Stavanger with 39 bodies still in the wreckage.

The Norwegian Government has agreed to give a further £4.5m for the salvage attempt, although the Government is split on the issue. Mr Karel Willoch, the Prime Minister,

says that the rig should be sunk.

The wreckage has dominated the seascape at Gandsfjord, near Stavanger, since it was towed from the Ekofisk field where it capsized in March, 1979.

The Norwegian inquiry into the disaster blamed poor design and construction of the rig, which was produced in Dunkirk. It said that safety checks were inadequate and emergency procedures abysmal.

About £25m has been spent on efforts to raise the rig, which

was being used as an accommodation platform when heavy seas caused one of its five supporting legs to buckle.

The present salvage attempt must be completed by September 15, which has given rise to speculation within Norway that Parliament, which reconvenes then, will order sinking if the new attempt fails.

Initial salvage attempts, which involved a British company, failed. The Norwegian Labour Department

reckons that the new attempt is dangerous. A Norwegian company has been awarded the contract b will be supervised by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), the state certifying agency.

The agency has ordered a 70-metre safety zone around the rig during the salvage attempt and has said that here s a danger of damaged superstructure falling from the rig during the uprighting attempt, which could jeopardize the lives of the salvage crews.

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## Russian missile

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defences, which was published earlier this year.

Some defence experts fear moves by the two superpowers towards mobile long-range missiles will mark a further escalation of the arms race which could undermine whatever may eventually be agreed at the Start talks.

● LONDON: Britain and West Germany have rejected a suggestion from Greece that

deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles should be postponed (Rodney Cowton writes).

The proposal was made in a letter from Mr Yiannis Haralambopoulos, the Greek Foreign Minister, to all the EEC governments.

West Germany said postponement of the missile deployment would endanger rather than enhance prospects of an agreement.

## Commander Zero's border war of fear

One morning recently Señor Franklin Valeria Zuniga rose early to walk the 10 miles on the dirt road from his small farm near the Nicaraguan border with Costa Rica to the Colegio de Upala, the local secondary school. There he told Señor Edmundo Caranza Chávez, the headmaster, that he had decided to withdraw his three children from school.

The headmaster listened sympathetically, answered that he regretted seeing the three children - all good students - leave, but added that he understood the reasons. He had heard them from many other parents.

About half the school's pupils have been withdrawn, and schools in four hamlets closer to the border are closed completely. "We are afraid to send our children," Señor Valeria said.

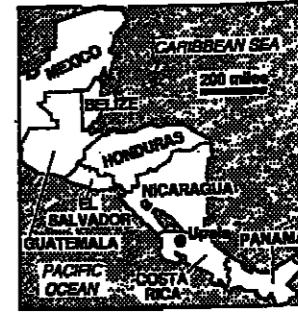
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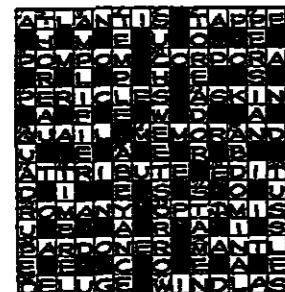
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### Solution of Puzzle No 16,207



### Solution of Puzzle No 16,212



### Today's event

**Royal engagement**  
Princess Margaret visits A Taste of Moray 1983 week in Morayshire today; arriving at Walkers of Aberlour, 11.25.

**Exhibitions in progress**

Francis Danby in Bristol, and The Battle is Not Won: work of the Victorian Society and the preservation of ancient and medieval buildings, City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (until Sept 10).

Quiet Waters, local views by Terry Chipp, Cusworth Hall Museum, Cusworth Lane, Doncaster; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 12 to 5, (closed Oct 2).

Doncaster Racecourse exhibition, Midland Bank, 1 High Street, Doncaster; normal banking hours, (closed Sept 5).

**Music**  
Concert by the Philomusica of Edinburgh, St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, 1.

Organ recital by Martin Neary, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45.

Piano recital by Cecile Onslow, Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh, 7.30.

**Walks**  
South Stoke and Combe Hay, meet Cross Keys Inn, Combe Down, Bath, 2.15.

**General**  
Derbyshire Show, South Park, 9 to 5.

Country Fayre, aid of Penwortham County Nursing Home, Penwortham Park, Preston, Sussex, today and tomorrow, 10.

Lincolnshire Steam Spectacular, Lincolnshire Showground, on A15 N of Lincoln, today and tomorrow, 11.

Bath Fuschia Society Show, Bath Pavilion, North Parade Road, Bath, 1 to 6.

Canal Festival, Watersports Centre, Athol Street, Liverpool, 1.30.

Kettering Carnival, Town Centre, Kettering, Northants, 2.

**TOMORROW**

**Royal Engagement**  
Princess Margaret will attend morning service at the Episcopalian Church, Elgin, Morayshire, 11.

**Music**  
Recital by Capricorn string and wind ensemble, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8.

Organ Recital by Christopher Liddle, St Olave's, Marygate, York, 8.

Concert by Swan Hunter Band, Saltwell Park, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, 3.15 and 6.30.

Concert by City of Newcastle Pipe Band, Derwent Park, Bowland Hall, Tyne and Wear, 3.

**Walks**

Round Auld Ayr, meet Town Hall, Ayr, 2pm.

**Edinburgh International Festival**, 1983, begins today and runs until September 10.

International Charity Gala, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, 10 to 6.

Steam Day at Biggar Gasworks Museum, Biggar, Lothian, 11 to 5.

Rolls-Royce and Classic Car Rally, Bowood House, Bedwyn, Wiltshire, 11 to 6.

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### Gardens open

**TOMORROW**  
Aberdeenshire, the Beechgrove Garden, BBC Broadcasting House, Beechgrove Terrace, Aberdeen; BBC television garden, George Street, and Jim McColl in attendance, 11 to 6. Aberdeenshire: Tillicoultry, Tarnland; herbaceous borders, terrace garden down to loch, shrubs, heathers; fine trees; woodland garden; 1 to 5. Avon: Brackenhead Nurseries, Woodland Walk, North Road (Coast Road), Portskewett, nr Bristol; 3 acres, woodland garden on steeply sloping site, many species; shrub, pool, bog garden, aviaries; collection of parakeets; 9 to 5. Berkshire: Plant Science Laboratories, Botanical Garden (University of Reading), Whiteknights, Reading, off Reading-Shrivenham road; 12 acres, wide range of interesting plants, ferns, roses, pelargoniums; collection, 2 to 6.

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Quiet Waters, local views by Terry Chipp, Cusworth Hall Museum, Cusworth Lane, Doncaster; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 12 to 5, (closed Oct 2).

Doncaster Racecourse exhibition, Midland Bank, 1 High Street, Doncaster; normal banking hours, (closed Sept 5).

**Music**  
Concert by the Philomusica of Edinburgh, St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, 1.

Organ recital by Martin Neary, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45.

Piano recital by Cecile Onslow, Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh, 7.30.

**Walks**  
South Stoke and Combe Hay, meet Cross Keys Inn, Combe Down, Bath, 2.15.

**General**  
Derbyshire Show, South Park, 9 to 5.

Country Fayre, aid of Penwortham County Nursing Home, Penwortham Park, Preston, Sussex, today and tomorrow, 10.

Lincolnshire Steam Spectacular, Lincolnshire Showground, on A15 N of Lincoln, today and tomorrow, 11.

Bath Fuschia Society Show, Bath Pavilion, North Parade Road, Bath, 1 to 6.

Canal Festival, Watersports Centre, Athol Street, Liverpool, 1.30.

Kettering Carnival, Town Centre, Kettering, Northants, 2.

**TOMORROW**

**Royal Engagement**  
Princess Margaret will attend morning service at the Episcopalian Church, Elgin, Morayshire, 11.

**Music**  
Recital by Capricorn string and wind ensemble, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8.

Organ Recital by Christopher Liddle, St Olave's, Marygate, York, 8.

Concert by Swan Hunter Band, Saltwell Park, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, 3.15 and 6.30.

Steam Day at Biggar Gasworks Museum, Biggar, Lothian, 11 to 5.

Rolls-Royce and Classic Car Rally, Bowood House, Bedwyn, Wiltshire, 11 to 6.

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### Roads

**TODAY**  
London: Procession through central London. Starting Temple Place at 13.15, via Fleet St, Strand, Whitehall, Victoria Embankment, ending Trafalgar Square at 14.00. A406 North Circular Road, A404 Narrow Road, Wembley Hill, and A408 Neasden Lane and Forty Lane; very heavy traffic because of Wembley football match. A13: Movers Lane (flyover and Lodge Avenue) closed after Barking (easy to bypass).

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